

G
A
Y
&
L
E
S
B
I
A
N
M
A
G
A
Z
I
N
E

VOLUME 3
NUMBER

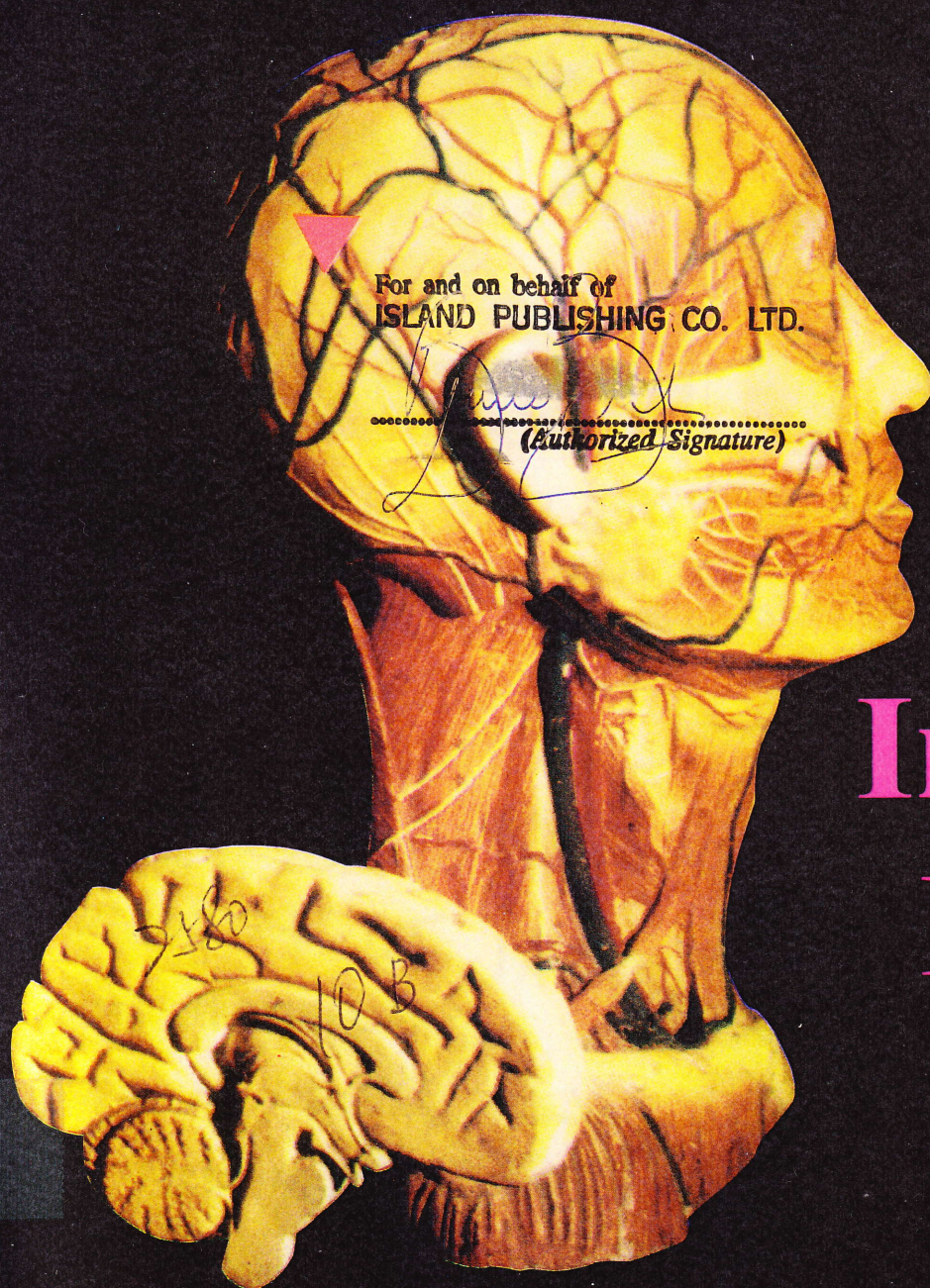
8

October/November 95

CONTACTS

接觸雜誌

HK\$35.00



The
Gay
Spot
In The
Brain

HKC
306.766
076

警告：本物品內容可能令人反感；不可將本物品派發、傳閱、出售、出租、交給或出借予年齡未滿18歲人士或將本物品向該等人士出示、播放或放映。
WARNING: THIS ARTICLE CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH MAY OFFEND AND MAY NOT BE DISTRIBUTED, CIRCULATED, SOLD, HIRED, GIVEN, LENT, SHOWN, PLAYED OR PROJECTED TO A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.



MISS H₂O PAGEANT 1995

OCT. TO NOV.

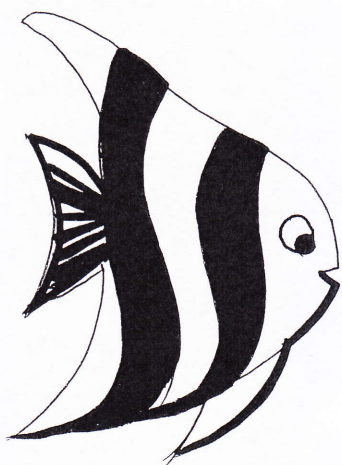
HALLOWEEN : THE BEST PERFORMER COMPETITION
31, OCT, 1995

DAILY 8:00 pm To 4:00 am

H₂O



2/F., HOP YEE BLDG., 474-476
LOCKHART RD., CAUSEWAY BAY.
HONG KONG.
TEL: 28346451.....



HAPPY HOURS • HALF PRICE
SUNDAY TO FRIDAY
8:00 pm To 1:00 am
ALL DRINKS OF
2nd ROUND.

STAFF WANTED PLEASE CONTACT US
OR CALL 28346451

There is one thing about being Gay that is both a blessing and a curse: being able to hide.

Hiding is a blessing when we need to be safe from hatred. It's a curse when someone struggling with their sexuality needs a role model.

For most of us, hiding comes easy. Don't want to face being called names? Unless you're wearing a pride shirt, you'll probably just blend right in. Someone makes an anti-Gay joke? Just keep your mouth shut and laugh along with everyone else. Unknowing parents coming to visit? Just stop being camp and put your 'roommate' back into his/her bedroom.

THE NAKED TRUTH

And you'll probably remain safely hidden.

Most racial and ethnic minorities don't have that safety net. They are given away by their skin, hair, eyes, accents, whatever. The namecallers know exactly who and what they are. No hiding.

But the shield we use is being battered away. As the search for the 'Gay gene' draws us ever closer to finding a biological basis of homosexuality, along with that goes our ability to hide.

Before, we could simply say. "No. I'm not Gay." But when the doctor can show us that we have the Gay gene, what then?

Answer: no more hiding. Of course, you won't look any different. You'll still be able to blend into the crowd and keep your mouth shut when needed. But there's one person (other than the doctor, or course) that you won't be able to hide from anymore.

Yourself.....See article page 16

Contacts Magazine

GPO Box 13427, Hong Kong

Tel: (852) 2817-9447 Fax: (852) 2817-9120

Editor

Barrie Brandon

Design & Layout

Chris Dennis

News & Features

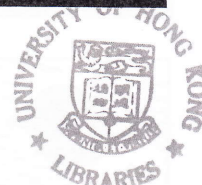
Camille Ho, Thomas Choi

Advertising & Subscriptions

Tony Ng

Contributors

龍子, Barrie Brandon, Joseph S. Amster, Danny Wong, Chris Lanter, Rachel Rosenbloom & Julie Dorf, Robin Adams, Billy Wong



23 MAY 1998

Who's who?

Vol 3 Number 8

Contents

Features

- 12 Update: Beijing
- 13 Lesbian Quiz
- 21 New HIV Centre
- 21 Long Yang Club
- 24 Gay Marriage

Regulars

- 4 Chinese Story
- 6 Global Gay News
- 8 Out and about
- 10 OutRight
- 14 Media Watch
- 26 Fifi
- 28 Personals
- 30 Gay Guide

16

Gay Gene

Will this be the unmasking of Gays?

20

Braveheart

Homophobic film of the year

25

Condoms for All?

Why aren't prisoners given condoms?

Front Cover: Will the Gay Gene Change our lives?

Printed by Island Publishing Company Ltd.,
Hong Kong GPO Box 13427, Hong Kong

The mention or appearance of likeness of any persons or organisations or advertising in CONTACTS MAGAZINE is not to be taken as any indication of the sexual, social or political orientation of such persons or organisations. No responsibility can be assumed for any unsolicited materials and submissions is construed as permission to publish without further correspondence and the fee payable at our usual rates. Advertisers are advised that the copy is their sole responsibility under any relevant legislation. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without the permission of the publishers.

兩顆心不異心



到現在人類還深深相信他們是地球上最有智慧、有思想、有生命的生物。但我並不同意。

如同性戀這名字不知已相拗多少個世紀，到現今今日還沒停止。是否人類越是文明，思想便越往後退，否則幾世紀前並沒有對同性戀加諸任何罪惡或歧視，如今被別人知曉是同性戀後，可能會導致身敗名裂、父母離棄你，兄弟姊妹朋友離開你，甚至乎工作亦會失掉。

但同性戀者並不會因上述種種改變自己，因我們深信愛，相信只有同性的伴侶才可以滿足和明白自己肉慾和心靈上的雖要。

「仁深，你不要再騷擾我了。」他面上的表情出賣了他，他是痛苦的。

但那邊廂的他不知才會說出這樣的說話。

「告訴我，為何你可以一夜間，不想和我一起。」

「我不是已和你說過萬次千次，我們已經完了。我不想將自己的快樂建築在別人的痛苦上，他們是我的父母。」

「經倫，讓我們見最後一次，好嗎？」

「我想沒有這個必要了。讓我們在這裏分手吧！再見經倫。」我沒有等經倫回覆便已經掛上電話。

他知道他是愛經倫的，但他真的不想傷害他的父母。父母對他有廿載的養育恩情，今次便是我對他們的回報。

仁深，你知不知道我為你哭，我的

心很痛。我沒有精神應付我的工作，或許你不知，我是這樣深愛你。

今日，我在家中看書，從書中看到一句往日你親手寫提的字，你寫著：經倫，我不知世上有多少人；我不知海有多深；我亦不知天有多高。縱使我對這些事一無所知，但我卻知我對你的愛有多深，我愛你，仁深。

看後，我抱著你說「真的嗎？你真的這樣愛我嗎？」

你反轉身體雙眼望著我說「你不相信我對你的愛嗎？縱使你不愛我，我也會永遠永遠將我對你的愛埋藏在深底的深處。」

但為什麼現在你又要離我而去，是什麼原因，只因你父母的反對，還是另有別情。請告訴我吧！仁深。

經倫不知你現在做什麼想什麼？是否開著音樂躺在長沙發上看書？還是和肥肥玩。你是否還記得我們如何在山上拾獲肥肥，當時的它已奄奄一息，你還是堅持要帶它看獸醫，醫生看後也說肥肥只有三成的機會可以生存下去，你沒有放棄，你堅持帶它回家。

肥肥在家的首天，你給它吃什麼，它便吐什麼。

我看見此情此景說「我們還是帶它回獸醫將它人導毀滅吧！」

你卻兇巴巴說「什麼人道，還不是將一個活生生的生命結束，我們同性戀不是人嗎！還不是要偷偷摸摸地進行，他們所說的人道只是他們認為是人道吧！」

可能肥肥知道你真的愛護它，第二天你喂食時，他沒有再吐了。得到你的照顧，它由一頭瘦弱的小犬轉眼便成為一頭肥肥白白人見人愛的可人兒。

「經倫，我想我們應該為它起個名字。」

「叫什麼名字呢？」「你看它多可愛，叫它做可人兒，好嗎？」

「這個名不錯，但太長了。你看它肥肥白白，可否叫它做肥肥。」

就這樣我們之間便多了第三者，但它只為我們帶來歡笑。

幸好現在有肥肥在你身旁陪伴你，你不會感到孤寂，希望你未來的男人一樣喜歡肥肥。

自古到今情永遠是人類最大的敵人，但人類又最渴望得到它，真是矛盾。像仁深和經倫這個例子，他們不相愛嗎？他們唯一不受世人接受的是他們兩人都是男人，為何同性就不可以有愛，世俗人的眼光太過短淺了。如金庸筆下的楊過小龍女，他們只是師徒身份，在當其時便不受世人所接受，是為不合禮教，應受世人蔑視，但在如今的社會，師生戀已經平常不堪，世事便是如此，惜日是為不合倫常的，如今視之為等閒，反之往惜推崇至愛的，如今卻受到不應該的歧視，是否人類越是文明，思想便越往後退？

今天我在我們常到的戲院外見到你，我有一鼓衝上前親你的衝動，但我沒有。我看見你和另一個男人有說有笑，他還幫你掃去面上的塵埃。你還碰他的手背，你的動作如此投入，如此親切，我想你已經忘記我了。

現在我和你只相距數呎，但你卻視我為無物，怎不教我傷心。是否你眼中已沒有我的存在。你再不肖看我一眼，仁深你是否看見我現在正為你流淚，我的眼淚像河村缺堤一發不可收拾。但你還是和他有說有笑，我應該為你高興還是為自己傷心。高興是你終於可以忘記我，傷心是你已把我忘得不留一點痕跡。我沒有再看下去，我別轉面回家。

經倫，我不知道你為何要離開我，但你說「不要再找我，如你想我快樂，便把我忘記吧！」

今天，我在以往我們常到的戲院門外看見你。當時我和朋友一起，我

知道你在偷看，我沒有忘記你所說的話，於是我便在你面前做了一場戲，一場為我深愛的人個的一場戲。因為我愛你，我寧願自己受苦，也不希望你難過。我做得很辛苦，因要我在一個我愛的人面前和別人卿卿我我，不是我所願，但我沒有後悔。

當我輕輕碰他時，你的眼淚出賣了你，你還是愛我的。但我不知應怎樣做才可以再跟你一起生活，但又不曾傷害你。

星期日我是甚少出外的，今天也不例外，我躺在沙發上看書，門鈴響。我打開門時，我的眼，我的手，我的身體動也不動，直至他說話。「我可以入來嗎？」我才打開門讓他進來。

「要渴什麼嗎？」

他沒有回覆我，他用力地抱緊我，嘴貪婪地吻我，而我亦作出相對回應，當我們再次說話時已衣衫盡失，赤裸裸地擁抱在床上。

我不知世上有多少人；我不知海有多深；我亦不知天有多高。縱使我對這些一無所知，但我卻知我愛你的愛有多深。我愛你，仁深。

仁深撫摸著我的鼻尖說「為何回來找我？」

我調皮地說「如你不喜歡我便立刻走。」說完便假裝要離開的樣子。

他拉我回他的身旁說「誰說要你走。我今次一定不會再放你走。」

他輕輕吻我的上額「老實告訴我，為何回來。」

「上次在戲院門外見你和別人親熱後，我腦中無時無刻想著你。我問了自己千次萬次，父母無異是撫養我成人，但他們也應該希望我這

一生活得有意義，當我離開這人世時沒有一點悔意，所以我便來找你。」我停一停繼續說「現在到我來問你，那男人是誰，為何對他這樣好？」

「他是好，但不及你的億份之一。你不要想歪了，他是真的外甥，剛剛從外國回來。我知道你在偷看我們，所以便做了這一場戲給你，否則你也不會回來我身邊。來讓我親親」

「仁深，我愛你，我以後也不會這樣傻離開你。」

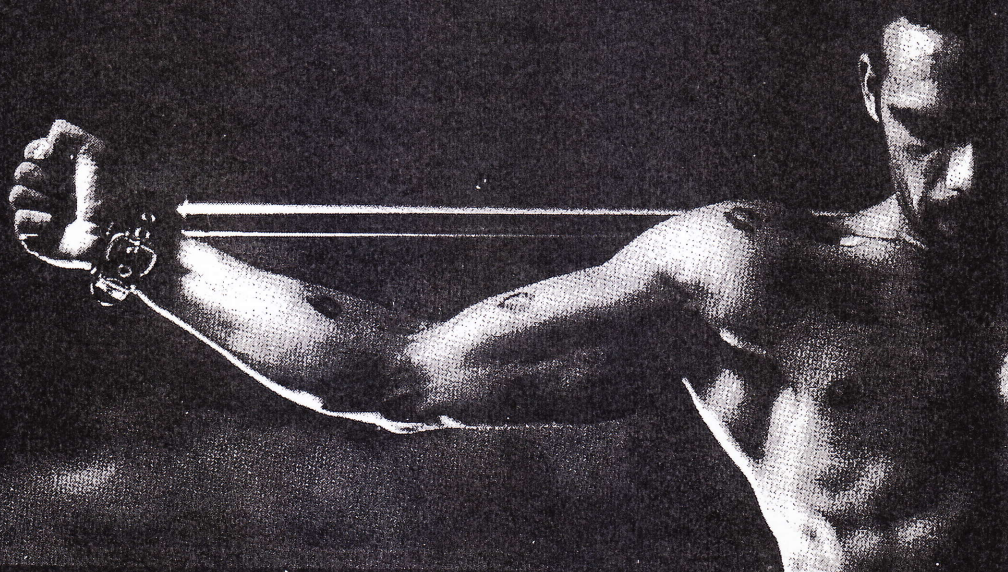
「我也不會再讓你離開我經倫，我愛你」

為何同性戀者的愛往往要受外來的壓逼，為何我們不能像異性戀者去愛便愛，是否只因社會還用有色眼鏡看我們。同志們在未來的崎嶇路上還要繼續努力為我們同志爭取更多權益。

龍子

Clothing and accessories for girls and boys from fashion to fantasy to serious toys

If you love someone, set them free.



Eventually.

Fetish

Leather Lace Rubber PVC Chainmail Mesh
Harnesses Corsets Shorts Pants Skirts
Whips Supenders Boots Restraints

Leather Lace Rubber PVC Chainmail Mesh
Gloves Paddles Braces Bodices Chaps
Hoods Pouches Vests Masks Bras

Phone or fax for our new catalogue
When in Hong Kong visit our showroom
Tuesday to Sunday 11:00am to 7:00pm

1st Flor, 52-60 Lyndhurst Terrace,
Central, Hong Kong
Tel: (852)2544 1155 Fax: (852)2524 9216



America

A new cologne called Q, designed specifically for Gay men is now on sale, CNN reported. Marketing studies showed that this scent is especially appealing to Gay men. Early reports said that heterosexual men tend to think that it was "too effeminate" and "more suitable for the wife." The maker is ironically a heterosexual man who says that 'Q' stands for nothing specific although he has no qualms about openly labelling it "Gay." According to our informant "It has a woody, slightly floral smell. I would not call it "too effeminate" although I admittedly am not sure what that means. I especially like it because it's subtle."

Brazil

A Brazilian anti-AIDS campaign featuring a talking penis is being criticised by the Catholic Church and by people angry that the chatty organ called Braulio shares their name. The advertising campaign attempts to persuade men to use condoms to stop the spread of AIDS. Brazil has the greatest incidence of AIDS in Latin America, with 71,000 reported cases. The secretary-general of the National Council of Brazilian Bishops, Raimundo Damasceno Assis, called the adverts immoral and unethical. People called Braulio flooded radio stations with complaints.

Romania

The Government has eased a communist-era ban on homosexuality, with a parliamentary vote to make Gay sex a crime only if it creates a public scandal. The changes, which parliament's upper Senate passed last year, have yet to be ratified by President Ion Iliescu before they take effect. A recent survey by human rights group Amnesty International said 11 Romanians were imprisoned under Romania's old penal code, which made homosexuality a crime. Homosexuality is still widely frowned upon in the Balkan country. Amnesty has urged the Council of Europe to "ensure that Romania implements the reforms recommended by the Parliamentary Assembly to bring Romanian law and practice in line with European standards."

U.K.

British researchers say they have almost definitely proved that a kind of herpes virus causes Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS), a cancer frequently associated with AIDS. Professor Thomas Schulz and his colleagues at Britain's Institute of Cancer Research studied 189 HIV-infected people and 134 controls. They detected the implicated virus, known as Kaposi's Sarcoma Associated Herpes virus (KSHV), in the blood of 52 per cent of the HIV-infected patients who also had KS. Of the 143 HIV-infected patients who did not have KS, KSHV was found in only 11 patients—of whom six later developed the cancer. "None of the blood samples from 134 healthy blood donors and 26 HIV-negative cancer patients contained detectable KSHV," the scientists report in the British medical journal *The Lancet*. The team concluded that "the presence of KSHV in all forms of Kaposi's sarcoma supports a causative role for this virus in the development of Kaposi's sarcoma".

Denmark

According to Danish news media an unusual couple were married at the Copenhagen Town Hall on Friday 22 September 1995. The man and woman were the president and vice-president of the Danish national organisation for Gay and Lesbian rights (LBL). The marriage was a political demonstration for Gays and Lesbians rights. By marrying they attained the right to adoption and artificial insemination at a public clinic. These rights are still denied homosexual couples who have registered their partnerships.

Finland

The anti-discrimination legislation in the Finnish Penal Code and The Constitution were changed in early 1995 to include discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Penal Code explicitly mentions "sexual orientation" as a prohibited reason for discrimination in offering public or commercial services or giving access to public meetings. The law also prohibits agitation against national, racial, ethnic, religious or other such group of people. Sexual minorities also get more protection this way.

South Africa

Edwin Cameron has been appointed as a Supreme Court Judge. He was also a candidate for the Constitutional court but was not selected. The fact that he is a Gay activist was specifically discussed and taken into consideration for this appointment. He is also Professor of Law at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is a completely "out" and long established Gay activist.

EXPLORE THE PLEASURES OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL™

175,000 copies
85 countries

Available in All
Gay/Lesbian
bookstores
Worldwide

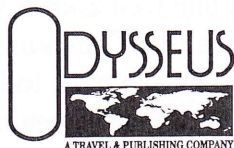
To order your
copy of
Odysseus '95
or to advertise in
Odysseus '96
call: Contacts
Magazine
Tel: 2817-9447

Book International
Gay Resorts with
Odysseus:

MYKONOS • ALL
GREEK ISLANDS •
IBIZA • SITGES •
GRAN CANARIA
EUROPEAN CITY
BREAKS

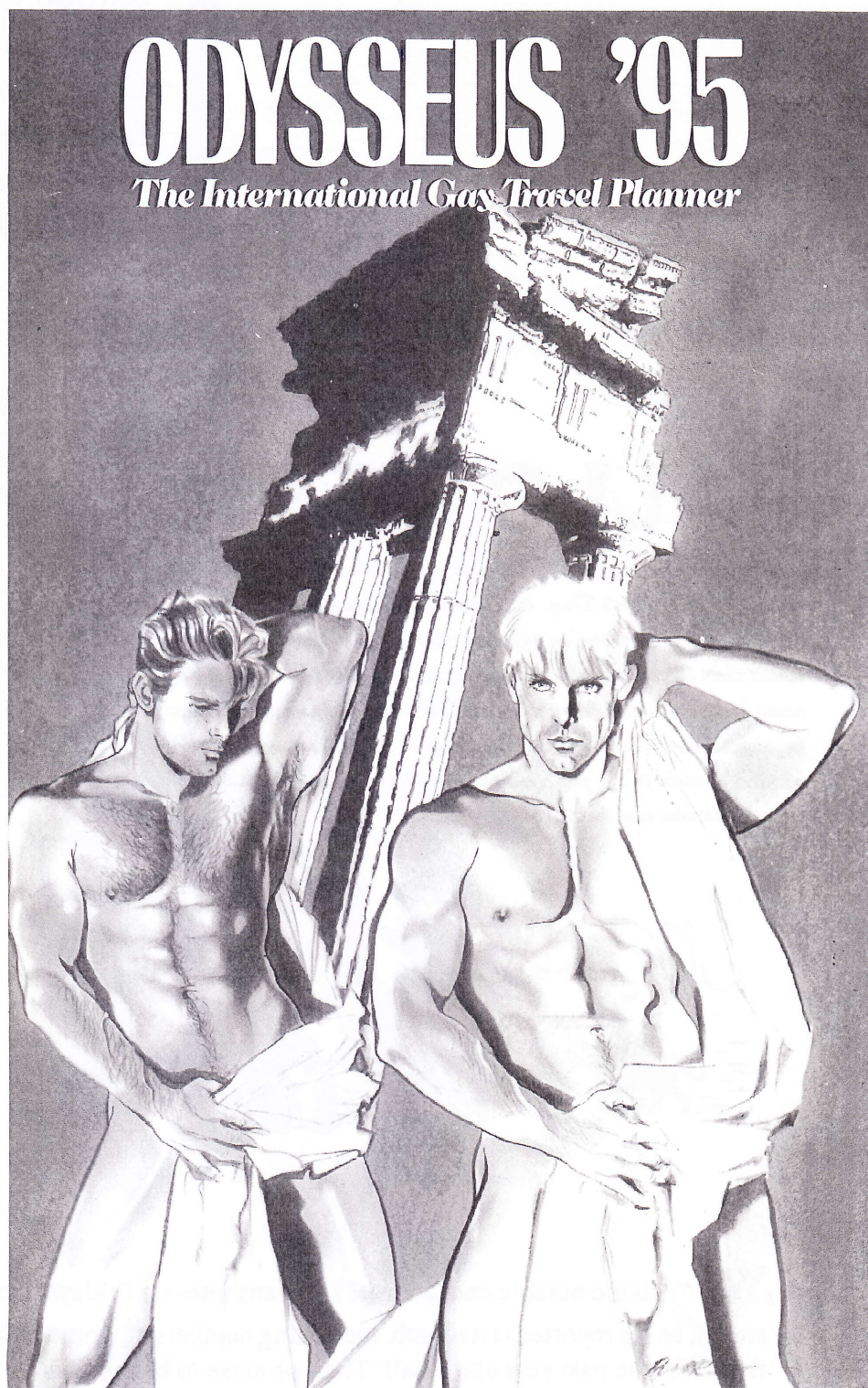
TEL: (516) 944-5330
FAX: (516) 944-7540
USA

WE INVITE PRICE
QUOTATIONS FROM
HONG-KONG BOOK
PRINTERS TO PRINT
OUR FUTURE BOOKS.
PLEASE FAX OR
WRITE TO US NOW.



ODYSSEUS PUBLISHING & TRAVEL

P.O. BOX 1548, PORT-WASHINGTON NY 11050 (USA)
TEL: (516) 944-5330 • FAX: (516) 944-7540



Out about

T a k e , c a r e

News reached us just before we went to press that police officers are paying close attention to the public toilets on the 2nd floor of Harbour City. If you need to use the facilities remember you may be being watched.



HALLOWEEN

Hallowe'en short for Holy Evening is the night of 31st October, the evening of All Saints Day, 1st November. Some people believe that on the night of Hallowe'en the dead rise up from their graves and revisit their homes. People in some countries still light fires to frighten away evil spirits and help the ghosts find their way home. Not many people in Hong Kong believe this but some of the customs are celebrated, mainly it's a great excuse for dressing up in your favourite, ghostly costume and partying.



ALL OF THE VENUES ARE EXPECTING BIG CROWDS SO IT MIGHT BE AS WELL TO GET THERE EARLY.

PETTICOAT LANE. A NIGHT TO BE OUT AND ABOUT, ALL ARE SPOOKS WELCOME SAID THEIR SPOKESPERSON.

AT CE TOP THERE'S A FREE BARBECUE AT 9 P/M WITH FREE ADMISSION. SPECIAL CASH PRIZES ARE PROMISED FOR THE BEST COSTUMES.

BILLED AS THEIR BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR **PROPAGANDA** PROMISE THIS IS THE ONE YOU'LL REMEMBER! OPENING AT 9 P.M. (ADMISSION CHARGE \$100) NO HAPPY HOUR TONIGHT! 1ST PRIZE FOR THE BEST COSTUME WILL BE RETURN AIR TICKETS AND ACCOMMODATION AT A MYSTERY RESORT, FOR 1 PERSON. THE MANAGER ALSO SAID THERE WILL BE GOOD QUALITY RUNNER-UP PRIZES.



YY With the notable exception of Lesbians nites on Fridays, that ironically had begun to attract, as we reported last month, increasing numbers of women YY has lurched from bad to worse for the past year and a half. Their promise to be the final (sic) to beat all final (sic) to see YY go out in style sadly failed to materialise. In the words of one well known wit who asked not to be named it was just another excuse for YY to rip off the Gay Community. In its heyday YY at most week-into even the

NO ^{YY} MORE

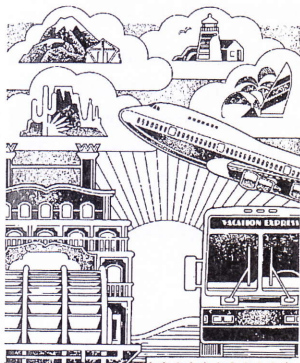
tracted a huge following-ends it was queuing to get outside area.

Quote of The Month

"I enjoy being a bitch. I enjoy being surrounded by bitches. Boredom is the biggest disease in the world, darling."

The late Freddie Mercury

Hong Kong's first Gay travel consultant



Opened last month and whilst they can't actually issue you with tickets they can do all manner of other things for you. Allen Wong, of Freedom Flight, told us "We'll do everything for you from booking a flight and hotel, to advising you where the

best Gay bars clubs and beaches are. While all of this information can be found in the Gay Guides sold by Island Publishing Company it is good to know there are people willing, for a price, to help you plan your annual holiday. The number for Freedom Flight is 2850-6715. Mobil 9087-3708.

REPORT

The Home Affairs Branch of the Government is, belatedly, calling a meeting for Gay groups to discuss "the process of consultation" on 9th October. A full report next month.

See also OutRight Page 10

We heard a lot of people in Hong Kong are into spanking. Later we found out that it was banking, but by then it was too late. Fetish Fashion's invitation to their opening party held at Club '97 20th September.

XXX VIDEO

V
I
D
E
O

The recent advert in HK magazine for Video leather SM products run from a Kowloon Post Office box is according to some readers nothing more than a second class video porn service with very poor quality tapes for a high price. Their brochure says "Surprise, surprise" and yes we were surprised. Surprised by the poor photocopied brochure, surprised by the high prices for non-original copies of inferior Gay tapes and surprised that they claim to be part of an international group of companies with a head office in Toronto, Canada, something our enquires failed to substantiate.

OUTRIGHT

Figures lie, liars figure. So the Hong Kong Government is finally beginning its much awaited soul searching process of consultation on discrimination against Lesbian and Gay men. First drafts of a questionnaire have secretly been distributed to certain members of the public. It would be nice to say that the recipients were carefully selected by the Government, but if this were the case, then how come Horizons, 10% and this magazine weren't asked to respond? After all, who is more qualified to discuss discrimination in our community than our own members?

Somehow the Hong Kong Government didn't feel that we had anything of value to contribute to the process. Or perhaps they knew that to invite us to participate was to ask for what their "higher-ups" would call trouble. They got this one right!

Of course there's no discrimination against faggots, or dykes in Hong Kong! That's exactly why

only a scant few representatives of the community showed up last October at Legco hearings. For some reason that never seems to dawn on the straight members of our beloved town, discrimination, and the fear of it is exactly why no one speaks up about it. After all, who is foolish enough to come out of the closet far enough to proclaim how terrible a place it is, to those who have absolutely no idea?

The reality of the situation is that to talk about discrimination, is to admit that it exists, and that we've been the target of it puts us into a victim's role. And everyone knows that being a victim is no way to achieve success in life. Remember the story of little Johnny who complained to his Mum: "they won't let me play football with them because I told them I fantasised about fiddling Billy's willy...boo hoo hoo." And remember how Johnny eventually become CEO of Bigtime Industries because all his peers felt sorry that he had been victimised throughout his life?

No, it doesn't take a rocket scientist or even a hairdresser to realise that harping on the bigotry you've had to deal with ever since you realised that Billy had a willy, only makes life worse. The only successful way to deal with it is through

(continued on page.22)

GOVERNMENT

SURVEY

By Robin Adams



"HIV INFORMATION & DROP-IN CENTRE"

"HIV INFORMATION & DROP-IN CENTRE" is an open house that welcomes people with HIV/AIDS, their families, carers and friends and in fact, anyone who is affected by the virus. Emotional and social support, trust and respect, a quiet relaxed space to be yourself, a safe place to meet other caring people, to share experiences, and exchange information. Everyone is welcome, no matter what your background, religion or nationality. Call us on 2501-0653 or drop in during the following opening hours:

Monday to Friday 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

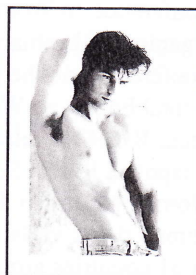
Saturday, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(closed on the fourth Monday of each month and public holidays)

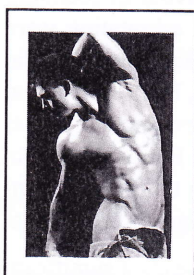
Address: St. John's Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong



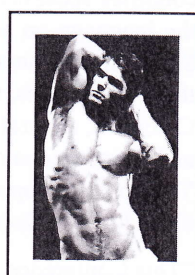
Card no.1



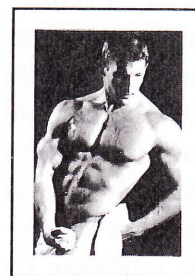
Card no.3



Card no.4



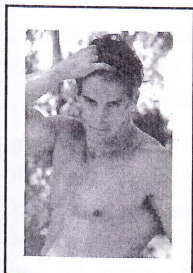
Card no.5



Card no.6



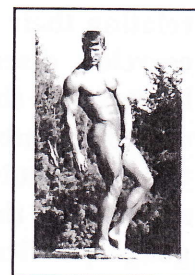
Card no.7



Card no.2



Card no.9



Card no.8

Notecards

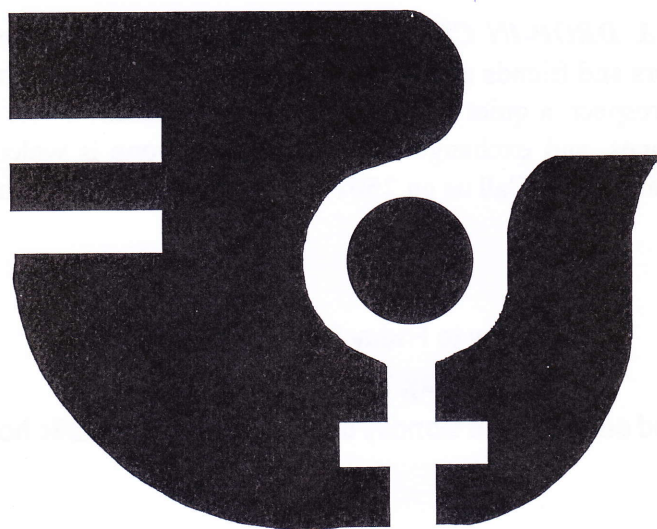
Each set contains Nine Blank Cards with envelopes. Choose a selection of nine different cards or, if one particular picture grabs you, nine of the same card. Either way you're guaranteed the pleasure of owning and sending the very best gay Notecards available of handsome, muscular men in Hong Kong.

Price \$160 (less 10% for subscribers)

Please send crossed cheque to

Island Publishing Co. Ltd. GPO Box 13427, Hong Kong

Lesbians see results



by Rachel Rosenbloom
& Julie Dorf

A concerted effort by Lesbian activists has led to unprecedented recognition of Lesbian concerns at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women. The "Platform For Action" adopted at the Conference includes strong language recognising women's right to have control over and decide freely on matters relating their sexuality "free of coercion, discrimination or violence," and tireless lobbying by over 30 members of the Lesbian Caucus resulted in significant support for the inclusion of language specifically recognising the existence of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In the final hours of negotiations, the 185 governments present at the Conference debated the inclusion of the term 'sexual orientation' in four actions of the Platform. After a heated debate in which many countries spoke for and against the language, Chair Patricia Licuanan noted that although sexual orientation was an issue that was sure to be raised again in the future, without consensus she had no choice but

to strike it from the document. Among the countries speaking in favour of retaining the language on sexual orientation were South Africa, Jamaica, Barbados, Canada, the United States, Cuba, Brazil, Slovenia, Colombia, Australia, New Zealand, Israel and the countries of the European Union. The countries opposing the language included Libya, Sudan, Uganda, and Syria.

"This Conference represents a significant victory for Lesbians," commented Rachel Rosenbloom, Lesbian Project Co-ordinator at the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC). "At the last World Conference on Women ten years ago, only one country — the Netherlands — spoke out in support of Lesbians, and at this conference over 30 countries have done so.

The debate that occurred gives some indication of the battles that Lesbians must keep fighting all over the world to gain recognition of their rights, but this conference lays a firm groundwork for future action at the local, national, and international level." One of the paragraphs in question states in its final form that "many women face particular barriers because of such factors as "their race, age, language, ethnicity, culture, religion, disability or other status or because they are indigenous people." While sexual orientation was re-

moved from this list, several countries went on record as saying that they interpreted "other status" to include sexual orientation.

IGLHRC was one of eleven Lesbian and Gay groups accredited to attend the World Conference on Women, and was a central organiser of Lesbian activities at both the Conference and the parallel Non-Governmental Forum on Women. At the Conference, IGLHRC released a report entitled *Unspoken Rules: Sexual Orientation and Women's Human Rights* which details human rights violations against Lesbians in 31 countries around the world.

At both the Conference and the Forum, Lesbians from every region of the world were active in unprecedented numbers and brought a broad range of issues to the attention of conference participants. On September 10, Human Rights Day at the Conference, Lesbian activists hung a large purple banner proclaiming "Lesbian Rights are Human Rights!" during the afternoon plenary session, and on September 13, South African Lesbian activist Palesa Beverley Ditsie received a standing ovation when she addressed the assembled delegates at another plenary session on behalf of IGLHRC and over 50 other non-governmental organisations.

10

Questions

Lesbian

6

8

2

3

5

0

10

1

7

4

9

By Chris Lanter

10 Most Commonly asked questions of Lesbians and the answers you'll never hear...

1 What exactly, do two women do together? (Usually asked by a woman)

A It takes too long to explain. A Lesbian quickie lasts hours. We lay there and discuss politics until we figure it out. But if you like I'll show you. How about this evening at six?

2 Which one of you is the man? (Usually asked by a man)

A We're Lesbian, not confused. Look it up!

3 What do your parents think about it?

A They weren't exactly tickled lavender.

4 Do you face any discrimination because you're "that way"?

A None. The Lesbian movement is a bodily function that involves the expulsion of our reproductive organs.

5 Why are you a Lesbian?

A Let me show you a picture of my girlfriend.

6 Did anything in your childhood affect your choice?

A Definitely. There was a cute little redhead in my nursery school that I used to take naps with...

7 Why do you have to tell everyone?

A I have a P.C. quota to meet.

8 Is one of you "butch" and the other "femme"?

A Yes, but we trade off every time we roll over.

9 Do you plan to have children?

A We're trying! (Wink-wink, nudge-nudge, know what I mean, know what I mean!)

10 But wouldn't you want your children to be straight?

A And miss the opportunity to be interrogated by the next generation of psych majors?

TV & Radio

Are We Being Served ?

By Danny Wong

In a city where the Gay and Lesbian community is estimated by some to total more than the entire expatriate population, isn't there something missing from the programming slot of Hong Kong TV & radio? Isn't it time for TV & radio in this town to come out of its stuffy closet (pun intended) and take on the challenge of a multi-racial multi-faceted society?

While other divisions of the media have, to a certain extent, striven to embrace Gay issues and needs, the territory's TV & radio stations have plodded along in blinkered and ignorant oblivion.

In the positive realm, we do have the annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, the sixth of which is just getting ready to draw its curtains at the Arts Centre.

According to conservative estimates there are at least 300,000 Gay and Lesbian people in Hong Kong. One would think such numbers would at least have rating figures flickering across the eyeballs of Hong

Kong's TV & radio programmers. But it seems not.

I wonder why? Perhaps they argue that the Lesbian and Gay community is still very much in the minority. Over a third of a million people would certainly disagree.

It is heartening to see time and resources set aside for programmes such as Indian Variety on radio, aimed at a community numbering just under 19,000. For the thriving Filipino community of more than 120,000 there are programmes on TV & radio and on AM Alive. There's even a radio show for the territory's French residents. But what about that third of a million who all speak the same language?

TV & radio should reflect the wants and tastes of its audience. It should provide a service that informs and entertains. These are, I'm told, the TV & radio basics they teach at broadcasting school. Yet there is absolutely nothing on the TV & radio in this city for Gay and Lesbian listeners.

Just a little programming would be a start. It's not as if we are asking, at the moment, for an entire Gay TV & radio station. You would have to look hard to find one of those even in America. However, you wouldn't need to search far along the dial in the major cities to find TV & radio programming produced for Lesbian and Gay listeners.

Some TV & radio stations in Britain and the U.S. do have Lesbian & Gay pro-

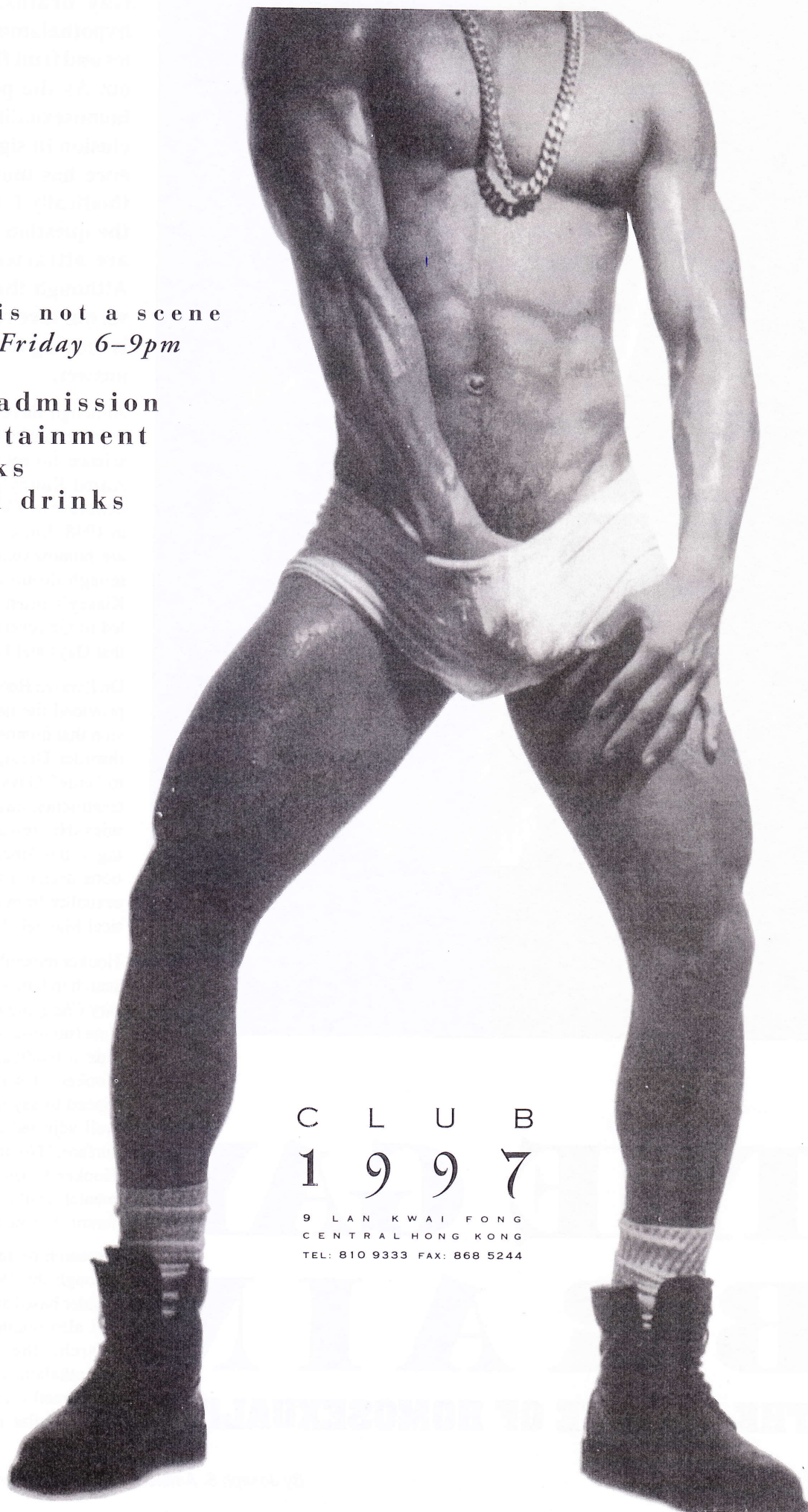
grammes; and I'm not talking here of the token phone-ins to the radio doctor to talk about coming to terms with being Gay - although we haven't even dared to go that far in Hong Kong. Ask someone in management at RTHK for Gay programmers and they will probably schedule music from the Roaring Twenties, or a few AIDS films or *La Cage aux Folles*. They just don't seem to understand.

We can all enjoy mainstream TV & radio. It may come as a shock to clueless programme directors, but even Gay people like to listen to music, tune in to the news, put their feet up and enjoy TV & radio films and plays. But what would also be well received is a programme produced by Gay people for Gay people. As Barrie Brandon, editor of this magazine, said in a *South China Morning Post* article in January 1993; "The more information that Lesbian and Gay people have, the more able they will feel to come to terms with being themselves."

There are a large number of Lesbian and Gay broadcasters working for Hong Kong's TV & radio stations. It is a reflection of Hong Kong society that most of them prefer to keep their sexual orientation locked firmly in the closet. As Patrick Stewart (Jean Luc Picard of the *Starship Enterprise*) said "closets are for clothes, not people." In a world where equal opportunities existed we would have TV & radio that reflects everyone's needs.

this is not a scene
every Friday 6-9pm

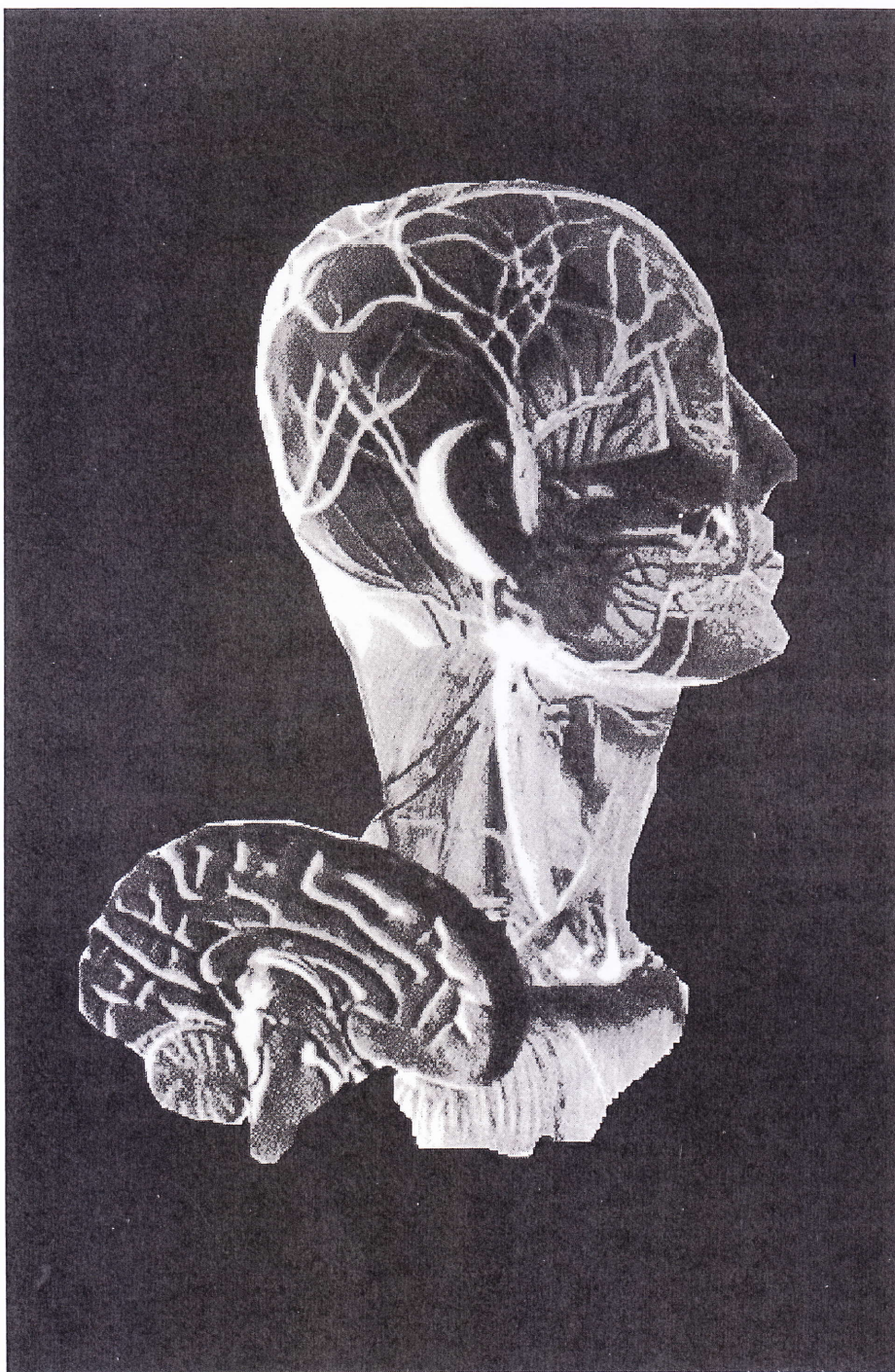
free admission
entertainment
snacks
2-4-1 drinks



C L U B
1 9 9 7

9 LAN KWAI FONG
CENTRAL HONG KONG
TEL: 810 9333 FAX: 868 5244





THE GAY BRAIN

THE SCIENCE OF HOMOSEXUALITY

By Joseph S. Amster

Gay brains, X chromosomes, hypothalamus glands, twin studies and fruit flies: science marches on. As the political debate over homosexuality rages with no conclusion in sight, the world of science has moved slowly and methodically for decades to answer the question of why some people are attracted to their own sex. Although the question of nature vs. nurture remains open, science is moving to accept nature as the answer.

Although there is a historical basis for homosexuality going back to antiquity, science did not seek an explanation until Alfred Kinsey's groundbreaking *Sexual Behavior In The Human Male*, published in 1948. Kinsey's finding, that one in ten are homosexual, stunned the world. Although dismissed by some at the time, Kinsey's research ignited the spark that led to the reversal of the long held belief that Gays and Lesbians were mentally ill.

Dr. Evelyn Hooker's research of the 1950s provided the next step, with her conclusion that homosexuality was not a mental disorder. During this time, it was common to "cure" Gays and Lesbians with shock treatments, castration and even lobotomies. Her research is credited with leading to the American Psychiatric Association's decision in 1973 to remove homosexuality from its "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual" listing as a mental disease.

Hooker remembers her groundbreaking research in James Harrison's 1992 documentary *Changing our Minds*. "It was the first time (homosexuals) had been studied outside a medical setting or prison," said Hooker. "I was prepared, if not so convinced to say that these men were not as well adjusted as they seem to be on the surface." No one was more surprised than Hooker to find that in terms of overall mental health, homosexuals were no different than heterosexuals.

Research on rats in the 1950s continuing through the 1970s confirmed there were gender based differences in the rats brains, but also pointed the way for further research: the difference was in the hypothalamus glands. Soon researchers confirmed findings in human brains that were similar to what they had found in rats.

In 1990, the world of science was rocked

again with the announcement of Dick Swabb's research. Swabb found that a part of the brain was different between heterosexuals and homosexuals.

It was Swabb's research that led Dr. Simon LeVay to section of brain where the differences were found had no sexual link. In research conducted at the Salk Institute, LeVay's 1992 study found a different structure in the hypothalamus glands of Gay men than heterosexual men. Since the publication of LeVay's research, as well as his book *The Sexual Brain*, more attention has been focused on research about sexual orientation.

tions," said LeVay. "Particularly the human gene project, which will eventually identify all 100,000 genes. When those genes have been sequenced, they will provide an incredible array of information, not only about our bodies, but about our minds. There's bound to be incredible advances in the biological study of behavior, it's not obvious there's going to be advances in psychology, because there are no new methods coming out of the psychology that would allow one to study these kinds of issues. Unless there's some kind of breakthrough in psychology, it won't have any more breakthroughs in

fied a portion of the genome associated with it."

Twin studies had been done in the past, but not as conclusively as Hamer's study. "the twin studies point to a genetic influence on sexual orientation both on men and women. Those studies are a bit outmoded now, particularly by the actual molecular genetic work done by Dean Hamer and his colleagues at the NIH which provide much more direct evidence for a gene influencing sexual orientation and the actual location of the gene on the X chromosome," said LeVay, commenting on Hamer's study. "The twin studies are very important initial work, but it's much more telling kind of work to actually locate the gene, which is basically what Dean Hamer is in the process of doing. Dean and his colleagues also extended the family studies to show that Gay men have more Gay relatives, not only among their brothers, but uncles and cousins too. That in itself greatly strengthens the arguments for a genetic factor because uncles and cousins are not brought up in the same household. One of the arguments brought up against the twin studies was that maybe the differences are due to the fact that identical twins are somehow reared in a similar fashion than non identical twins are, and it might distort the data."

“There's still a sense that a lot of people have that Gays and Lesbians are simply straight people who could pull themselves together, come to Christ and stop being Gay or Lesbians.”

Simon LeVay

"People have this kind of deep division of thought regarding homosexuality, as to whether it's nature or nurture. There are these very out and out biological models based on genes and there are these psychodynamic models based on their family interactions," LeVay said. "They're so different from each other that people get very strident in defense of one or the other model. This is just one aspect of a general contrivance about human nature that's raging right now. There is a major difference about the role of biological factors and environmental, psychological factors in human behavior."

sexual orientation. It looks like the next twenty years, there'll be a tremendous biological progress. It's almost certain the next couple of decades will see emphasis on biological factors underlying human behavior."

Dean Hamer's studies have given further direction to the theory of a genetic predisposition towards homosexuality. Hamer's work at the National Cancer Institute looked at brothers and concluded that identical twins have a higher incidence of homosexuality than fraternal twins or brothers. In his research, Hamer found similarities in the X chromosomes of 33 out of the 40 Gay brothers studies. "This is by far the strongest evidence to date that there is a genetic component sexual orientation," said Hamer in a 1993 *Time* magazine interview. "We've identi-

Hamer's studies have been criticized recently, and are currently being investigated. An associate of Hamer has claimed information was left out of his research which could lower the statistical impact of Hamer's research. According to a report in the San Francisco *Examiner*, "a postdoctoral fellow in Hamer's lab at the National Cancer Institute went back to look at some of his results and found cases that Hamer had not included in his original report. Other researchers believe those cases could have changed the nature of his finding." There have also been reports of difficulty in duplicating Hamer's research. Although ordered not to speak of the inquiry by the Office of Research Integrity, Hamer has said his findings are but one piece of the puzzle of sexual orientation. "There is no 'Gay gene' and I've never said there was," said Hamer. "Genes play a role, and there's probably more than one of them - and other factors as well."

More recently, a twin study by Michael Bailey and Richard Pillard has bolstered the genetic aspect for sexual orientation theory. According to a March 1993 *Atlantic Monthly* article, Bailey and Pillard "compared 56 'monozygotic' twin (iden-

LeVay sees the future of sexuality research coming from biology, not psychology. "Time has come on the side of the biologists. Biologists have developed an amazing array of tools to answer these ques-

In the silence of darkness, there are stars and hope.
We offer support and service.

在寂靜的黑暗中，
仍有星光和希望，
我們樂於提供支持
和服務。

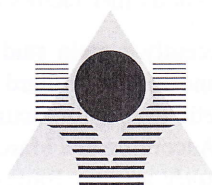
DESIGNED BY JET BROS.

本會所提供的服務包括：

- ✧ 愛滋病毒抗體測試
- ✧ 援助基金
- ✧ 互助小組
- ✧ 個人輔導
- ✧ 及其他服務

We offer the following services :

- ✧ HIV Antibody Blood Test
- ✧ PWA Support Fund
- ✧ Support Group
- ✧ Personal Counselling
- ✧ And More



香港愛滋病基金會
HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION

熱線電話 AIDS Helpline 513 0513

tical twin form the same zygote, or fertilized egg), 54 'dizygotic' (fraternal) twins, and 57 genetically unrelated adopted brothers. Identical twin are important to sexual orientation research because, of course, they have identical genomes, including the sex-chromosome pair. If homosexuality is largely genetic in origin, then the more closely related that people are, the greater should be the coincidence of their sexual orientation."

"This is, in fact, what the study found," according to the article. "Bailey and Pillard reported a Gay-Gay concordance rate of 11 percent for the adoptive brothers, 22 percent of the dizygotic twins and 52 percent for the monozygotic twins. The findings suggest that homosexuality is highly attributable to genetics, by some measures 70 percent attributable."

Another recent study by Dr. William J. Turner has found evidence linking homosexuality to DNA sequences in the X chromosome. Dr. Turner's findings link the transmission of the "Gay" chromosomes to the mother. This discovery is ironic, because of the long held psychological theory that Gays were created by overprotective, smothering mothers. "Homosexuals should not be accused of being sinful or willfully contrary," Turner said. "It is a natural occurrence much like being born with brown or blonde hair. Perhaps its existence plays some important role in the survival of populations."

The most recent study came to light in July, when *Time* magazine reported the work of National Institutes of Health researchers Shag-Ding Zhang and Ward Oldenwald. When the researchers transplanted a single gene into the brains of male fruit flies, they observed the flies would engaged in homosexual

behavior. "In some experiments, the female flies are cowering in groups at the top and bottom of jars," according to the *Time* report. "The males, meanwhile, are having a party - no, an orgy - among themselves. With a frenzy usually reserved for chasing females, the males link up end-to-end in big circles or in long, winding rows that look like winged conga lines. As the buzz of characteristic fruit fly 'love song' fills the air, the males repeatedly lurch forward and rub genitals with the next ones in line."

Where is research leading and how will it affect the Gay and Lesbian community?

a Gay fetus, but might welcome a fetus that might become Gay eventually."

LeVay goes on to say that Gays and Lesbians really do have a tremendous amount to contribute, and if they can make their contributions more visible, then that will go a long way towards resolving any ethical problems relating to the science. He adds, "It's up to us to persuade the world that we are worth having in the world."

"There's still a sense that a lot of people have that Gays and Lesbians are simply straight people who cold pull themselves together, come to Christ and stop being Gay or Lesbian," LeVay says. "Science

During this time, it was common to "cure" Gays and Lesbians with shock treatments, castration and even lobotomies.

Many believe that greater scientific understanding of sexual orientation will lead to increased acceptance of Gays and Lesbians by society. Others fear a backlash could occur against Gays and Lesbians, with the specter of a test being developed to determine sexual orientation in the womb, allowing parents to abort Gay babies if they so desire. Dr. LeVay sees a change in attitudes, but cautions against over reaction. "Even if such tests become available, they won't be nearly as accurate as people might think. We know that genes are not the whole story behind sexual orientation. The most a test like that can do is give some indication of a raised probability that a fetus was ultimately going to be Gay. But still, I'm sure there might be parents who would like that information or might like to abort a fetus on those grounds," LeVay said. "It would be a terrible misuse of scientific knowledge. I think that the only way, realistically from preventing that sort of thing from happening is by trying to create a world where Gays and Lesbians are accepted and valued. Where people would not wish to abort

really tends to undermine that and say 'No, wait a minute, Gays and Lesbians are different people.' That's useful, but at the same time there are threats there. If you identify people as a minority, you identify them for discrimination, you identify them for elimination. So, it's not an unqualified good thing to identify Gays and Lesbians. But I think that still on balance it is a good thing. I think it's very important for Gays and Lesbians to have a sense of a separate identity."

Although years may pass before definitive answer about sexual orientation can be produced by science and absorbed by society, Pillard may have summed it up best in an August *New Yorker* article. "The fairest thing to say is that nobody knows," Pillard said. "Is it a propensity to like somebody who is sort of the same as you versus somebody who is different, or to like a man versus a woman, or to be very sensitive, or what? To me that's the payoff question. What is that little brain up there doing that's making you different?"



The time is the early 1300's and the plot deals with the Scots' battles against the English. Mel Gibson had to take some large liberties with history to set up his Gay hate. Isabelle, the French princess, figures prominently in Gibson's plot about Scotland's Sir William Wallace. But Edward II married Isabelle in France in 1308, three years after the death of Wallace. So Isabelle never acted as emissary to Wallace in Scotland; Isabelle never warned Wallace of the plots against him; Wallace never spent the night with Isabelle; Isabelle didn't carry Wallace's child instead of a legitimate child of the Plantagenet line. Gibson made up all this false history to set up his homophobia. Thus the slurs that Edward II would not be able to produce a child. Not that it makes any difference, but he did, Edward III. Honest historians should be upset with Gibson as much as Gays.

To highlight the homophobic prejudice in this film, the GLAAD Los Angeles headquarters produced a leaflet parodying the movie poster. The leaflet changed the name of the film to "No Heart" and created a tagline that posed the question: "How Brave is Mel's Gay Bashing?" On the back of the leaflet, there was a message for moviegoers. It read,

in part: "Mel Gibson has gone out of his way to use his powers as director and star to ridicule Gays. This is not the first time. How brave is his Gay bashing—and how funny is it—when we are beaten up on the streets of America because of who we are and whom we love?"

In *USA Today* on May 23rd, in a story titled, "Gay alliance Bashes 'Braveheart,'" Alan Nierob, a Gibson spokesperson was quoted as follows: "The only thing on the

record I will say is 'no comment'...I'm not even going to dignify any of it." Then, another classic, "None of it's true."

In the May edition of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, when Gibson was asked about his alleged homophobia, he responded: "They'll use anyone if you give them a little, because they need publicity. None of it's true. I have no explanation for it." Then, a limp defence: in an interview with the *Detroit Free Press* as quoted in the Atlanta paper, Gibson defended Edward II's characterisation this way: "If you read the books on this guy, he was an in-

terpreted that way, actually...I don't foresee any problem."

Finally, confronted with the facts by a paper too big to bluff, Mr. Gibson conceded that there was indeed something lacking in the character development of Edward II: *USA Today* in their *LIFE* cover story/feature interview on the 24th May: "The actor/director is under fire from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation for a scene in which Edward II's male lover is tossed to his death through an open window by cruel Edward I. Some audience laughter has been reported, which per



"Does Gibson fear that the movie will re-ignite Gay anger?"

plexes Gibson. "We cut a scene out, unfortunately...where you really got to know that character (Edward II) and to understand his plight and pain...but it just stopped the film in the first act so much that you thought, 'When's this story going to start?'"

Andy Klein's review of "Braveheart" in the May issue of the *LA Reader*: "Yes it's generally accepted that Edward II was Gay; and it's generally thought that he was a lousy king. But Gibson, who created a flap a few years ago with some less than astute comments about homosexuality, seems to be deliberately stirring up the waters again with his gratuitously nasty perspective on Edward II.

insipid, weak king. If you look a little further, he also happened to be a homosexual. Alexander the Great was one of the greatest monarchs ever. He was a military genius...He also happened to be a homosexual. But this story is not about Alexander the Great. It's about Edward II."

Sooner or later, self-denial rears its head: In *The Oregonian* also in May the paper pointed out that the "most despicable bad guy in 'Braveheart' is Britain's King Edward II, who's portrayed as an outrageous queen and coward. Does Gibson fear," they asked, "that the movie will re-ignite Gay anger?"

Gibson answered, "No, that hasn't happened—I don't see how it could be inter-

"It's not merely that one of the film's leading sources of humour is making fun of Edward's effeminate manner. Again, it could be argued that the movie is merely mocking him for his military incompetence and his uncharismatic affect. But, when Edward throws one of his son's boy-friends—who seems neither incompetent nor effeminate—out the window, the scene is played for a big laugh. That it never happened is almost beside the point; that if it had happened, it wouldn't have been the least bit funny, is the point."

With thanks to GLAAD
**Braveheart starring Mel Gibson
opened in Hong Kong in October.**



愛之家

H I V

Information &

Drop-in Centre

The guest speaker was Mrs. Lavender Patten, who outlined the two main aims of the Centre. First, to reach out to the HIV affected community and give them a safe place where they and their families and friends can go and secondly to educate the general public about HIV & AIDS. She went on to say that much of the work done alongside people living with HIV & AIDS

would be so much more effective if it were carried out in the context of public empathy with the aims of that work.

The Centre provides a place for people to meet in a homely and comfortable atmosphere. Anyone affected by HIV & AIDS, friends and loved ones can

drop-in to chat to each other and volunteer workers, or browse through books and leaflets and learn about other resources in the community. In a world where those with HIV & AIDS are still discriminated against "A Place To Be Positive", which the Centre calls itself,

offers somewhere to go to find people who care about them.

"Our tradition is one which calls us to embody and proclaim hope and to celebrate life and healing in the midst of suffering. AIDS is an affliction of the whole human family; a condition in which are all suffer" said the Dean, the Very

More than 100 people attended the opening of the HIV Drop-in Centre at St. John Cathedral on Wednesday 13th September.



Elijah Fung Manager HIV Centre and The Very Rev. Chris Phillips



Lavender Patten opening the Centre.

Photo by Gordon Gooper

Reverend Chris Phillips.

He went onto say "Our commitment is to action. We are seeking ways - as individuals and as a community - to respond to the needs around us."

The Long Yang Club

By Billy Wong

A Steering group of potential members has been formed in Bangkok to organise Long Yang Club - Thailand. They have been meeting over the last five weeks to plan the outline of the new east-west Gay group. The steering group comprised of people from England, Scotland and the USA as well as Thailand, have agreed the need is for LYC-Thailand to cater for those who do not want the usual commercial Gay scene venues.

The steering group have planned a number of pre-launch social events at which the interests of a wider group of potential members will be canvassed.

The first event was a boat party held on Sun 1st October. This will be followed by a Weekend Trip to Ko Samet, a nature reserve island not far from the beach resort of Pattaya . (3-5 November). And in December, the group will host a Christmas disco closely followed by a New Year's Party in January when the Club will be formally launched. After that All events will be for members and their guests only.

For further information, write to Long Yang Club-Thailand, P.O.Box 1077, Silom, Bangkok 10504, Thailand.

Meanwhile, in Vancouver, BC , Canada, Long Yang Club-Vancouver is in its formation stage. The group anticipates there is a demand for a Gay "east-west" group especially since Vancouver has one of the largest Asian populations in North America. There are so many people from Hong Kong there that it's nicknamed "Hongkouver" or "Vankong" by some people!

(Continued from page.10)

denial. Now that's a concept that the Hong Kong community is very familiar with! And then of course there is "UN-successful" way of dealing with institutionalised, legalised discrimination, and that is by engaging the Government in discussion on the topic. Does the Government have it's own agenda? Of course it does, but no pain, no gain.

And our little survey draft...well it could only have one result: Hong Kong hates Gays. But surprisingly it could have two very different interpretations. The more likely is that Gays in Hong Kong are such an affront to the Chinese Culture, and the lifelong nemesis of everyone else, that to protect them with anti-discrimination legislation would not only be an affront to the standards of good tai tai taste, but would endanger the very population it seeks to protect. Chopper slayings of queers as retribution for "equal rights" would hit the front page of all newspapers daily until every last homo was gone.

The more accurate interpretation of the survey results will be that Gays are hated by everyone. Anti discrimination legislation is thereby mandatory.

But what will we hear from the government? "Why you silly girls, can't you see that education and conciliation are the only true ways to enlightenment?"

The questions in the survey are absolute prose. Future generations of queers all over Hong Kong will giggle at the Primary 6 style questions.

Question #1: "Do you know what is meant by Heterosexuality Yes/No. Homosexuality Yes/No. Bisexuality Yes/No?"

Immediately below this question are three definitions of the above terms. I guess we are on the honor system not to cheat? Or perhaps this is the question used to ascertain the credibility of the respondent. Answer all three parts, and you qualify as having a brain... we are interested in your answer to the rest of the questions.

Question #2 has five parts:

"Only heterosexuality is normal - Do you agree/disagree?"

Heterosexuality is normal for heterosexuals. For Gay men or Lesbians, (it may come as a surprise,) heterosexuality is completely abnormal.

"Homosexual behaviour are (sic) behaviour of personal choice - Do you agree/disagree?"

Be careful, this is a trick question! It couldn't possibly be a choice because who would choose to live a life of intimidation? But it must be a choice because so few choose it. It's obvious to me that it's not a choice because if it were, there would be far more of us in the world. Just think of all the wonderful benefits: polyester would be outlawed, there would be no need for abortions, and those migrant sex workers in Mongkok would all be forced to return home due to lack of business.

"Homosexual behaviour affects other people - Do you agree/disagree?"

Well, unless the reader obtains "Gaydar" overnight, they certainly will have no idea that every tenth person they come into contact with every day is a homosexual. Of course our behaviour affects other people. What do they think we do all day, just stand around looking pretty?

"Behaviour of Homosexuals are (sic) the same as ordinary people - Do you agree/disagree?"

Well, you can't expect extra-ordinary people to behave the same as you ordinary people. Just think how ugly Vatican City would be if Michaelangelo hadn't happened along. Or American poetry if Walt Whitman went around getting women pregnant instead of putting pen to paper. America's FBI would be a paper tiger without J. Edgar Hoover (oops I suppose we should keep this one to ourselves...) Well, I'm not ordinary anyway!

"Homosexuality corrupts young people - Do you agree/disagree?"

Well of course it does! Everyone knows that we hold satanic meetings every fourth Wednesday for new inductees. You must prove you are a queer before any of the Triads will give you a membership card! I guess questionnaire drafters forgot that 97% of child sexual abuse is committed by the 45% of the world which happens to be straight males.

Questions 3, 4, 5 and 6 ask whether you would like to do a whole range of activities with queers such as:

are you willing to shake hands with a ho-

mosexual? somehow it seems natural to first ask the reader if they personally know a homosexual. Then asks the same questions as if they were asking about this individual. Frankly, I'd be a bit reluctant to shake the hand of someone how voted for George Bush in the last US Presidential election, but I don't know anyone who did. I might feel differently about the Republican party if I ever learned that my brother had in fact voted for George.

The list of activities goes on and on, and it would take someone with an IQ less than 50 to say that they hadn't already done these things with queers. So the real question being asked is "Do you want to know if someone you come into contact with during the day is Gay?"

Well, every Gay man and Lesbian in the history of mankind beginning with Plato, and certainly not ending with Oscar Wilde knows the 90% majority would rather we pretended we were straight. If you happen to be straight, I wonder if you've ever spent a day pretending you were Gay. Think about how much fun this would be, and then think about how little you were able to accomplish at the end of the day. Then imagine what could be accomplished if these resources were ever freed up.

Question #7 asks the respondent's opinion of the value of the following in lessening discrimination.

Strengthen the school curriculum of civic education in this respect.

Enhance public's knowledge of the different kinds of sexual orientation.

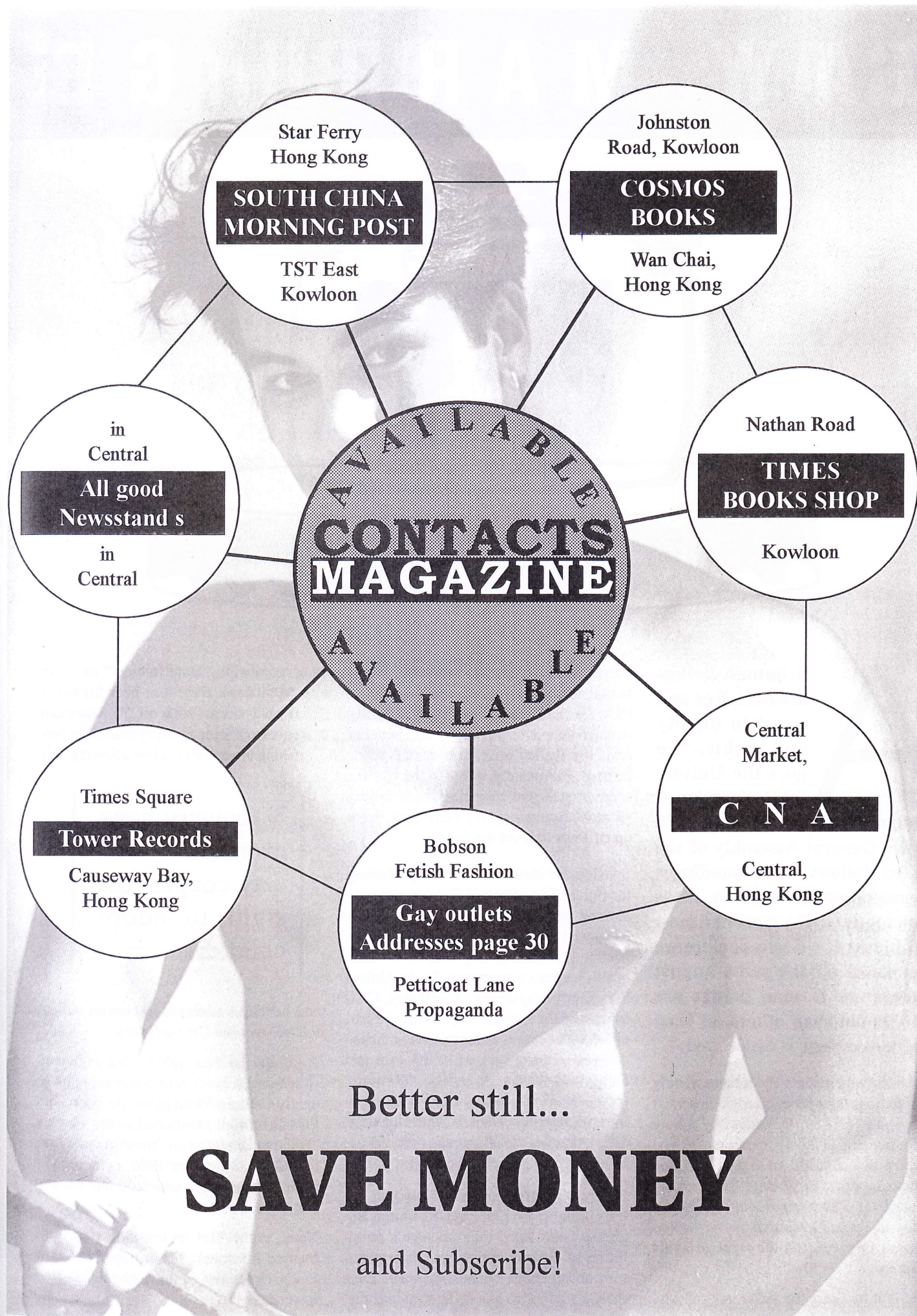
The Government sets up a responsible department to take into account the needs of people who are of different sexual orientations.

Introduce legislation to outlaw discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation.

Strengthen public's concept of equal opportunities for all.

I don't know about you, but this seems like an excellent program! The government should do all of the above beginning today!

The last page asks various demographic data such as are you Single, Married, Others (including divorced, separated etc.)? and if you are Male or Female.. Nowhere is sexual orientations asked for. I guess the faggots and the dykes weren't supposed to get a copy.

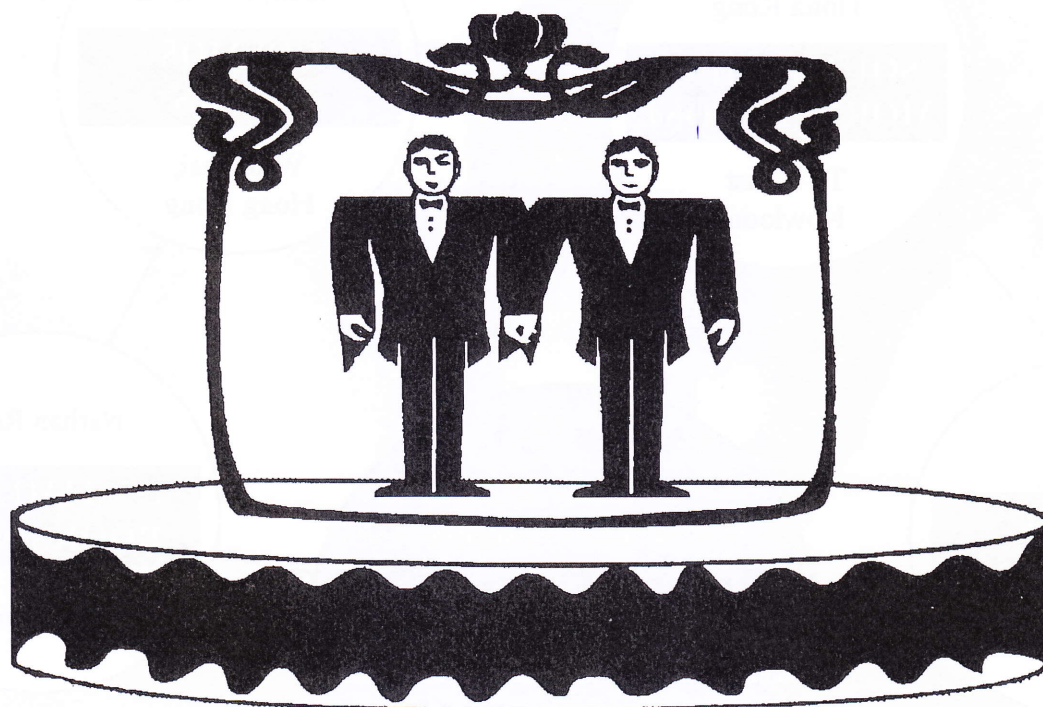


Better still...

SAVE MONEY

and Subscribe!

GAY MARRIAGE



All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. "So goes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted in 1948 by the General Assembly of the United Nations whose founding is commemorated this month. Yet as demonstrated 47 years later, most notably in the Cairo conference sponsored by the same august body, some human beings are more equal than others, at least where marriage is concerned.

Of the United Nation's 184 members, only three nations have recognised homosexual marriages. In 1989, Denmark, by a vote of Parliament of 71-47, became the first country in the world to legally sanction same-sex marriages. Norway followed suit a year later. The Netherlands legalised it earlier this year. No country, however, has allowed Gay couples the right to adopt children.

The right to marry, however, not only in-

volves what has always been the heterosexual world's best excuse to dress up in their fanciest clothes and party. Legally married couples enjoy rights and benefits regularly denied their homosexual counterparts. Fortunately, a few of the world's more progressive countries, while falling short of legalising Gay marriages, have taken steps to level the field.

Sweden, for instance, has laws protecting the rights of Lesbian and Gay couples concerning tax breaks, inheritance, and certain social services. France has passed legislation recognising Gay couples for state health insurance purposes. In the United States, city employees of Berkeley, California and their same-sex partners are provided with benefits comparable to married couples in areas such as health care and authorised leaves. A similar "domestic partners" law has been passed in the province of Ontario in Canada. Unfortunately, such examples of enlightened progress are more the exception than the rule.

Progress when it occurs is slow and bitterly fought. In 1993, the Hawaiian Supreme Court ruled that the state's prohibition of Gay marriages was discriminatory and perhaps unconstitutional. Even then, a trial judge has to determine if ther

is a "compelling state interest" to retain the prohibition. Expect to hear fireworks from both sides. With all 50 American states currently recognising marriages performed in other states, a law allowing Gay

No country, however, has allowed Gay couples the right to adopt children.

and Lesbian marriages in Hawaii will be felt all over the United States.

A similar human rights - led argument would probably not hold water in predominantly Catholic Philippines. As Pope John Paul II himself mentioned in his 14-page "Halloween" letter on homosexuality released on 30 October 1986, homosexuality is "behaviour to which no one has any conceivable right."

Yeah, right. But at least they haven't banned homosexuality altogether. Now that's something to think about this Halloween.

Condoms for All?



By Barrie Brandon

Choosing such a politically correct title for a Government Department is not a difficulty. Living out that political correctness clearly, at least in the case of the Correction Services Department (CSD) is.

Learning that most Gay prisoners are automatically segregated to one person cells is a breach of human rights, outrageous and is dangerous for those people who are isolated. The CSD maintains that they need to segregate people to prevent them from having sex.

But by segregating Gay prisoners the CSD are pointing out to all other inmates that they are Gay. Lu Chan a CSD senior psychologist who currently deals with less than 10 people said "We do have some prisoners who like to kiss and grab other men." Perhaps they should watch a football match and see what the players do to each other when a goal is scored.

Although they remain adamant, in the face of a considerable body of medical knowledge and public opinion, that sex does not take place in Hong Kong prisons the fact fail to back-up their statements.

As far back as August 1994 Chris Cheng, the Assistant Commissioner, CSD, refusing to allow condoms in prisons said "Only a very small percentage of the penal population shows these type of tendencies, and they are closely watched. I cannot accept that it (Gay sex) happens."

An ex-prisoner I spoke to told me "Of course sex goes on between inmates. What do you think happens? We're there for long periods of time, it's the only outlet (for sex) there is. Even so called straights do it sometimes, it just seems natural."

The CSD's superintendent of nursing, Paul Chung, said in a recent interview with Ella Lee of the *Eastern Express*, that there was no need to give out condoms to prisoners, but declined to say why.

Chung also said that it was not his departments policy to com-

ment on claims made by anonymous sources that prisons were a high-risk environment for the rapid spread of HIV.

Chung and the CSD should note that a number of sources have publicly stated that sex does take place in prisons and that condoms should be freely available to them. The list, by no means anonymous, includes AIDS Advisory Council, the Department of Health's AIDS unit, AIDS Concern, *Contacts Magazine* and the Hong Kong 10% Club.

But sex in prisons is not a new issue. Many countries have had to face the same problems. One eminent Hong Kong doctor I spoke

to told me "We should ask the CSD to undertake a study to find out exactly how big the problem is and how many people are involved in sex in our prisons."

That is precisely what we do not need. There have been many instances around the world that we can learn from without indulging in costly and time-consuming studies.

In August this year over a hundred HIV-infected Zambian prisoners were liberated to stem the spread of the virus in jails, Reuter reported. "In-

mates with AIDS were released on the recommendation of medical officers because prisons are not places for keeping terminally ill people," said a Department of Prisons spokesman. "Releasing them also ensures that the spread of the epidemic is limited." A 1993 study conducted by the ministry of health revealed that as many as 16 percent of the inmates were infected with the virus that causes AIDS. Two factors that contributed to HIV's spread were homosexuality and the sharing of razor blades.

A spokesman for South Africa's ruling African National Congress said in August. that prisons were to give out condoms and stop segregating HIV positive inmates, reported Reuter. Carl Niehaus said that because prisoners engage in Gay sex "we are sitting on a timebomb. This is a very dangerous situation," he said.

(Continued on page.27)

We're there for long periods of time, it's the only outlet (for sex) there is. Even so called straights do it sometimes, it just seems natural.



fifi



Tells All...

Lost and Found

Dear Fifi,

Recently I started dating a very hot man. He would talk about how large his appendage was as if it would frighten me. I thought this was just his way of flirting, and so I ignored it. (all the while I dreamt that his declarations were true) Finally after the third date, as is customary, I let him take me to bed.

To my surprise, he was being honest with me all the time. I was not at all surprised when he told me that all of his trousers had to be custom made. His appendage would have intimidated a brontosaurus.

Obviously, I could carry on and on about my new friend, but I'm not sure that I'm all that happy about it. The size is not an issue as much as one would think, as my orifice has a world-wide reputation for being very accepting: in the past I have been known to absorb the likes of a winter melon or two, and I believe that I still have a few delivery boys swimming around inside of me. But here is my question.

I haven't been able to find a condom large enough for this appendage, and I do so badly want to have sex. What should I do?

Lost and Found

Dear Lost,

Buy him an aqua-lung and a wetsuit. Sounds like I've got a few not-so-good friends over at the Inland Revenue Department I'd like to put you in touch with. You could be the answer to Hong Kong's Triad problem. Perhaps you should consider sewing part of that orifice up! I think after your first sexual experience with this

man, you won't need to worry about him any longer.

Actually, you're in quite a difficult position I'm sure. And lately, manufacturers of condoms have wised up to the plight of the over-endowed man. There is a new product on the market called the condominium (just kidding). Actually it's called the Zip lock bag, and it can hold an appendage as large as a sandwich. But if you eat it for lunch, make sure you don't swallow (just kidding)! I've never heard of such a problem. Tell him to roll the condom onto the appendage just like in the directions. If he complains that it's too tight, tell him to insert in slot, and if he still complains, then the problem is yours, not his. And in any case, please do tell him to see me.

Dear Fifi,

I recently read in the newspaper that the Government is planning to redesign and renovate all of the public toilets in Hong Kong so that it is easy to identify if there is more than one person in a toilet at one time. I heard that the purpose is to prevent drug deals from taking place, as well as to discourage Gay sex.

This frightens me because the public toilet is about the only place where I am able to find the space to engage in sexual activity. What will we do if this becomes a reality?

Signed, Loo-i

Toilets

Dear Loo Head,

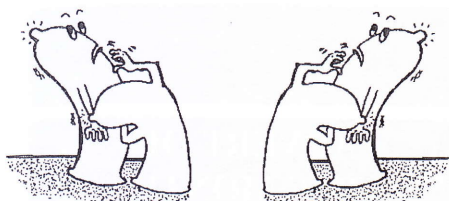
I guess the only thing left would be to find a man, fall in love and set up home in a flat. I am surprised by the governments plans as "marriage" is the last thing they want us to do!

If you haven't figured it out yet, the Hong Kong Government consists of 300,000 voyeurs. You can't blame them as they're only trying to make their own jobs easier. Fear not, look on the bright side: You will no longer be interrupting future "compadres" as you cruise the stalls of Lan Kwai Fong. You'll be able to easily tell if an occupant has already found his love for the afternoon. Have you ever been inside a public toilet that didn't need renovation? I have a friend who spends so much time in the Wanchai Loo that when they get around to that location, he's going to select the colour scheme.

Judging by the way the government drags it's feet on any and all Gay related issues, by the time this initiative is begun, we will be living in China where as everyone knows there is no homosexuality: the problem will solve itself. Or if you don't want to wait, you could move to one of those Scandinavian countries where sex in public toilets is so sanctified, funds for public toilets are withheld unless the toilet can comfortably fit two occupants.

As far as selling drugs in public toilets is concerned, finding a drug pusher in a Loo is about as likely as finding me paying for lunch in an upscale restaurant.

Until next time, keep the condoms coming. And if you have any more scintillating questions, you can reach Fifi at Box 555 Contacts Magazine.



(Continued from page 25)

When the UK prison officials refused to give out condoms two years ago ACT-UP staged a mass throw in of condoms to prisons all over the country. They simply found out when recreation time was and when all the prisoners were in the outside areas catapulted condoms over to walls.

For a whole week last month, I asked as many people as I could wherever I went, two questions. Do you think sex happens between prison inmates? And, Should condoms be available to prisoners? The sample of 157 people, was drawn from all walks of life, ranging from young and old, male and female, Lesbian and Gay, heterosexual, professionals as well as blue collar workers. Priests, doctors, police officers, journalists, office and shop workers as well as manual workers nobody escaped.

The results were overwhelming. The reply was 100% yes to both questions. That's 157 people who understand that sex does happen in our prisons and want to do something about it by giving prisoners condoms. It doesn't take a great deal of imagination to project that most sensible sane people would support giving prisoners condoms.

I believe the CSD is acting irresponsibly by continuing to deny sex takes place in our prisons and refusing to allow the free distribution of condoms. A lawyer friend told me she thought there was a strong case for someone who contracted HIV whilst in prison to sue the CSD and it's officials, in a court of law, for criminal negligence.

Although Lu Chan denied the CSD are discriminating against Gay people. She said "We are not singling them out. We are targeting those with a particular sexual preferences (sic) which will lead to misbehaviour." That Lu Chan is discrimination, because someone is Gay does not mean they will automatically 'mis-behave' does it?

AIDS is a killer disease, one that we all need to guard against. A simple sure way of helping to contain the spread of this deadly virus is to use condoms. Why aren't we giving Hong Kong prisoners the chance to avoid contracting the virus?

S U P E R G A Y V I D E O S

- From Europe, USA and Japan.
- Maximun Satisfaction Guaranteed.
- Reasonable Prices.
- Free Delivery.

Call Dickson for an appointment.

9017-6442

24 Hour Service



MALE MASSEUR



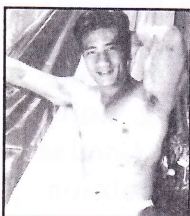
Good looking

Nice body

Excellent massage

Companion or otherwise.....

PLEASE CALL 1128128 PAGE 728



Asian Male Model Catalogue



Introducing Asian Models in our quality, coloured, catalogues.
issues 1 to 8 now available.

Order Catalogues now at A\$14 each or A\$12 each for multiple orders.

Asian male nude photos available at A\$4.50 each or A\$20 for 5 copies

JMJ Enterprise P.O.Box 137, Glen Iris VIC 3146, Australia.

Payment in Australian dollars Bank Draft Only.

Passport

Latin Asian
Gay Erotica

Only \$50 each

Post Free

Send crossed cheque and name and address to

Island Publishing Co. Ltd.,
GPO Box 13427, Hong Kong

BACK COPIES
Limited Stock

P e r s o n a l s

Advertisers are requested to reply to all letters received and to return photos when asked. ALA means All Letters Answered. Advertisers are asked not to state this unless they mean it.

How To Reply

\$3 stamps

- *Place 3 x \$1 stamps per reply
- *(Free to overseas subscribers)

Personals #69

+ sealed reply

Contacts Magazine
Island Publishing Co. Ltd.,
GPO Box 13427, Hong Kong.

in outer envelope

Contacts Magazine will open the outer envelope, collect the 3 x \$1 stamps per reply, and forward the sealed replies to the advertiser.

怎樣回覆徵友信箱

請依照以下的步驟來回覆徵友信箱,既簡又快捷,而我們亦會盡快將你的信交到他們手上,所有信箱服務期為三個月,由刊登開始。

步驟(一):首先將你每一封信放在每一個獨立的白色信封內,然後在每一個信封的右上角寫上你要回覆的信箱號碼,及將信封封口。

步驟(二):每一封信我們收取三個一元的郵票服務費。假若多過一封信,便要給多郵票,如此類推,但郵票並不黏要貼在信封上,只要將它放入寄給 Contacts Magazine 的信封內便可,然後將你的姓名及地址寫在一張紙上。

步驟(三):將你的信、郵票及寫了姓名及地址的字條一起放入一個信封內,然後寄 Contacts Magazine G.P.O. Box 13427 Hong Kong.

Adverts for inclusion in the next issue should reach us by 3rd November. Fill in the form on page 29 or fax us on (852)2817-9120.

MEN

Chinese, 26. Looking for the other half. Needs straight-acting and mature. Please write to PO Box 80063, Cheung Sha Wan Post Office, ALA.

Chinese, 31, sincere straight appearing. Seeks similar guy, 27-35 for fellowship. Box 191

Chinese professional 25, 180cm, slim-build, told -charming into music. Seeks straight-acting 25-35 Westerners for friendship/relationship. Box 195

THE BEST PERSONAL ADVERTS ARE IN CONTACTS MAGAZINE

Chinese, below 25. Seek muscular young guys for friendship, photo appreciated. Address: P.O.Box 547, Tsuen Wan Post Office, N.T.

If you are Chinese, short, hairy & chubby. I want you for my teddy bear. Box 190

Active, frank, fit, mentally healthy, Chinese Executive, 31, 5'7", 135 pounds, educated, straight-acting. Enjoy travelling, outgoings. Good at tennis, squash, badminton. Seek slim, straight-acting guys between 30-42 for friendship or more. Frank mail to P.O.Box 83376, San Po Kong Post Office, Kowloon. (Pen pals also welcome)

Slim smooth English guy working in Hong Kong until November. Would like to meet Chinese guys to show me around. Box 186

FIND THE LOVE(S) OF YOUR LIFE-USE CONTACTS PERSONAL ADVERTS

Handsome and healthy Chinese 26. Seek mature and fat men about 40. Please send photo to PO Box 62120, Kwun Tong Post Office, Kowloon.

ADVERT OF THE MONTH

Submissive Chinese, 26. Seeks master for discipline and training. Detailed orders, please sir. Box 192

Submissive Chinese, 26. Seeks master for discipling and training. Detailed orders please sir. Box 194

Gay in Disco Bay? Looking for pals of all nationalities. Box 193

MAKE PERSONAL ADVERTS WORK FOR YOU!

French guy, independant, quiet, sincere. Seeks Chinese friends for friendship only. PO Box 35565 King's Road Post Office, Kowloon.

WOMEN

Chinese, 22, Lesbian, sensitive. Seeks penfriends/ friendship. Write to me with photo, please. Box 179

FLAT SHARE

FOR THE BEST FLAT SHARE ADVERTISE IN CONTACTS MAGAZINE

PEN PALS

Closet Singaporean Gay. Handsome, 25, small build. Likes 'Oldies' 40s' to 60s'. No sissy. Pls write with photo. Replies to All. Box 184

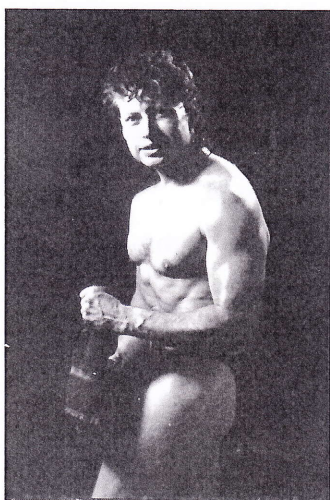
Singapore, Chinese, 37. Seek HK Business men who comes Singapore often for friendship. 37 to 45 ag. Chubbies only, Photo. Box 196

German, 47, 176cms, 77kgs, friendly and honest. Would like to hear from younger (-30). Sincere and cute Orientals for correspondance and maybe more. I'm a frequent traveler to Asian countries. Please write to: Boxholder, P.O.Box 210402, 80674 Munchen, Germany.

Chinese, 31, Singaporean, muscular man, 1.80m (tall) & 79kg (weight). Hobbies: travel, body building, singing. Seeks Asian men from 24 to 36 years old for friendship and relationship. ALA. Please write with photo to Eddy, Bukit Batok Central P.O.Box 0308, Singapore 9165.

Sydney Businessman university graduate 44 years, 165 cm, 70 kg, moustache, faithful, straight looks. Frequent visitor to meet for 1 to 1 friendship P.O.Box 318, Australia 2121.

Asian Gay, 29. Living in Australia. Seeks Asian guys up to 45 for friendship. Please write to Van Ngo 19/3 Heath Street, East Brisbane QLD 4169, Australia.



Tanned California GYM friend w/m, 39, 172 cm, 77 kg, 112cm-Chest, defined legs. Like college runner/swimmer for fitness, photography and friendship. Box 185

Subscribe

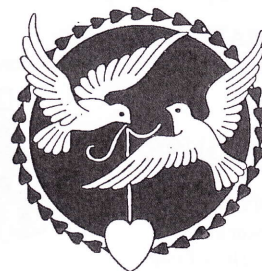
to

Contacts Magazine

the best way to make sure of your copy!

Save

up to 20% a year and get a free personal advert.



Prices and Order Form

- ☐ Men's Personal ☐ Women's Personal
☐ Mixed Personal ☐ Flat Share
☐ Pen Pals ☐ Goods Wanted & For Sale

Avoid delay, check details carefully. Please tick ✓ your selected category. All prices in Hong Kong \$.

First 15 Words	\$50.00
Box number \$30.00	\$.....
Extra Words \$2/word	\$.....
Display Box \$40.00	\$.....
Your photo printed \$30.00	\$.....
Sub Total	\$.....
Number of insertions.....	
Repeat adverts 50% discount in the next issue	\$.....
Total for personal adverts	\$.....
Subscription	
6 Months \$180.00	\$.....
12 Months \$300.00	\$.....
Grand Total	\$.....

Please Note. The Editor reserves the right to decline to publish any advert without giving reasons, and a full refund will be given. Any advert that is not published due to space restrictions will be published in the following issue of the publication.

Overseas advertising and subscription rates on request.

Please insert the following advert in the next issue(s) of Contacts Magazine
PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS (1 word per box)

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

I am over 21, signed _____ Date _____

I enclose a crossed cheque for \$ _____ Made payable to Island Publishing Co. Ltd.

Island Publishing Co. Ltd. G.P.O. Box 13427 Hong Kong.

Fax: 2817-9120 Tel: 2817-9447

Free Personal Adverts For All New Subscribers (Includes Box Number & up to 15 Words)

ORDER FORM

Please use capital letters

Name : _____

Address: _____

I am over 21. Signed _____ (Please write the code number)

	Code	Name	Price	Qty	Total	Postage	Sub. Total
(1)							
(2)							
Total:							

Send crossed cheque made payable to:
Island Publishing Co. Ltd., G.P.O.Box 13427 Hong Kong

BARS & DISCOS

CE TOP

9/F 37-43 Cochrane Street,
Central, Hong Kong.
Tel : 2544-3581
6:00 pm - 3:00 am

CLUB '97

9 Lan Kwai Fong, Central, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2810-9333, Friday 6 - 10:00 pm

DATE LINE CAFE

3/F., Chatham Centre, 11-15 Chatham Road South,
Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. Tel: 2316 - 2962
Every Day: 5:30 pm - 2:00 am

● PETTICOAT LANE

2, Tun Wo Lane, Central, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2973-0642
Mon.-Sat.: 12:00 pm - 2:30 am
Sunday : 5:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

● PROPAGANDA

1/F, 30-32 Wyndham St, Central, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2868-1316.
Mon.-Sat: 9:00 pm - 3:30 am
Happy Hours 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm

WALLY MATT LOUNGE

9 Cornwall Avenue, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.
Tel: 2367- 6874

GUEST HOUSE

BABYLON VILLA

29, Lower Cheung Sha,
Lantau Island, Hong Kong.
Tel : 2980-2872

KARAOKE

BABYLON

5/F, Kingpower Commercial Bldg.,
409-413 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2573-3978. 8:00 pm - 2:00 am

WHY NOT

12/F., Kyoto Plaza, 491-499 Lockhart Road.,
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Tel: 2572-7808. 8:00 pm - 2:00 am

H20

2/F, Hop Yee Bldg., 474-476 Lockhart Rd.,
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2834-6451, 5:00 pm - 3:00 am

MEMBERS CONNECTION

3/F, 5 Lan Fong Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.
Tel : 2890-7731. 8:00 pm - 3:00 am

SAUNAS & FITNESS CENTRES

AA

1/F, 19 Lan Fong Road,
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2577-3705. 1:00 pm - 2:00 am

AE

1/F Kwong Ah Bldg.,
114 Thomson Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2591-0500. 2:00 pm - 1:00 am

BA

1/F Flat D, Cheung Hong Mansion,
25-33 Johnston Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2527-7073. 2:00 pm - 2:00 am



Gay Guide

● BOBSON FITNESS CLUB

35-37 Hankow Rd, 3/F Flat D,
Mag Building, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.
Tel: 2376-2208. 3:30 pm - 1:00 am

CENTRAL ESCALATOR

2/F., Cheung Hing Comm. Bldg.,
No. 37-43 Cochrane Street,
Central, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2581-9951. 1:00 pm - 1:00 am

GAME BOY'S

2/F, 324 Lockhart Road,
Wanchai, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2574-3215. 12:00 am - 2:00 am

JJ PARK

3/F, Flat A, Fairview Mansion,
51 Paterson Street.,
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2882-2399. 3:00 pm - 12:00 pm

KK

16/F, Block A,
Fuk Lok Bldg,
19-21 Jordan Road, Kowloon.
Tel: 2388-6138. 2:00 pm - 2:00 am

ROME CLUB

2/F Chiap Lee Bldg,
27 Ashley Road,
Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.
Tel: 2376-0602. 3:00 pm - 12:00 pm

YUK TAK CHEE

G/F 123 Prince Edward Road.,
Kowloon.
Tel: 2393-9505 12:00 pm - 12:00 pm

SHOPPING

● FETISH FASHION

1/F 52-60 Lyndhurst Terrace,
Central, Hong Kong
Tel: 2544-1155 Fax: 2524-9216
Tuesday-Sunday 11:am - 7:00 pm

GEAR

Ground Floor, 4 Anton Street, Wanchai, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2527-1557

SPLASH MENS CONNECTION

1/F, Wah Fung Bldg.,
245-251, Lockhart Road,
Wanchai, Hong Kong
Tel: 2588-1296

COUNSELLING

LINDA ROSENBLUTH

16A 52-54 Mount David Road,
Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Tel: 2872-0441 (By appointment only)

PEER COUNSELLING

The only professional counselling service for Gay men
in Hong Kong.
Tel: 2817-7129 (By appointment only.)

ST. JOHNS

St. Johns Cathedral, Garden Road,
Central, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2525-7207; 2525-7208



● **Contacts Magazine**
sold here.

THE SAMARITANS

Tel: 2896-0000

AIDS

INFORMATION

AIDS CONCERN

General Enquiries: 2898-4411
Helpline : 2898-4422.

AID FOUNDATION

General Enquires Tel: 2560-8528
Helpline: 2513-0513
Infoline: 170 222 170

AIDS HOTLINE

Tel: 2780-2211

HIV INFORMATION & DROP-IN CENTRE

St. John's Cathedral
Garden Road, Central,
Hong Kong
Tel: 2523-0531

SOCIAL GROUPS

HORIZONS

G.P.O.Box 6837 Hong Kong
Tel: 2359-3195
Social Activities

ISVARA

24D, 202 Reclamation Street, Kowloon
Tel: 1128903 a/c 8862 Mr. Lo
Gay Buddhist Group
Meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at Club 64
(Mainly Chinese Speaking)

SATSANGA

PO Box 92128, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
Tel: 2314-1921
Forums, Workshops and social activities.
(Mainly Chinese speaking)

THE 10% CLUB

P.O.Box 72207 Central Post Office Kowloon.
Aims to raise social and political awareness. Some
political lobbying (Mainly Chinese speaking)
Tel: 2314-8726

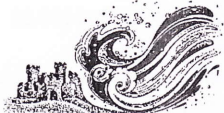
BEACHES

MIDDLE BAY BEACH

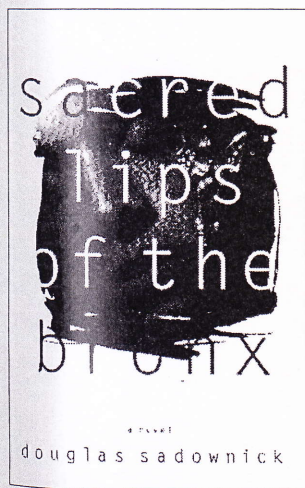
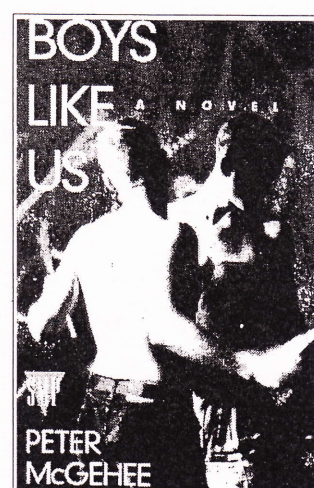
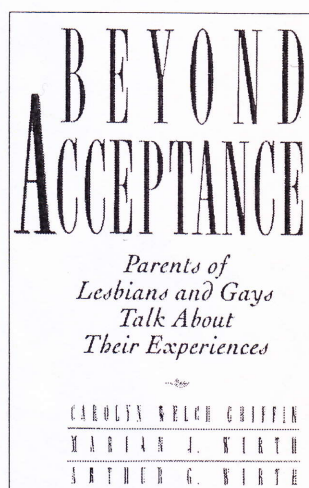
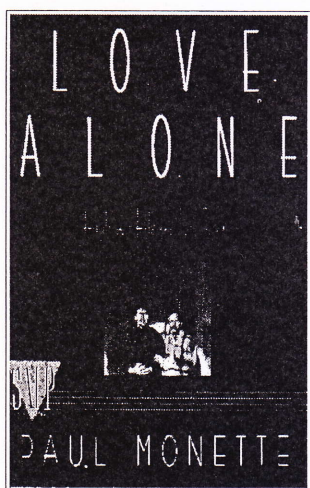
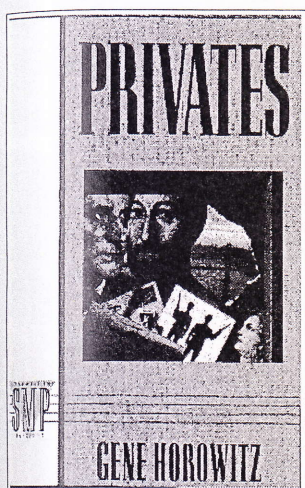
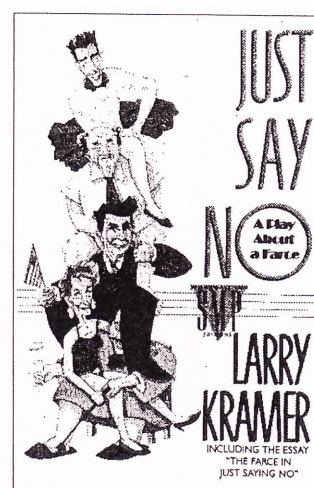
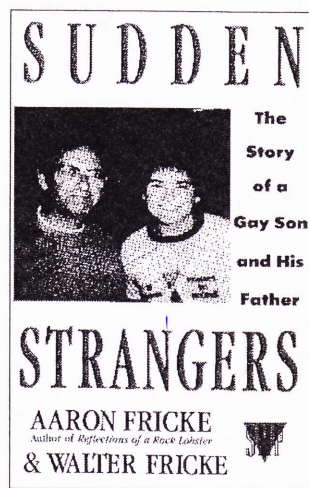
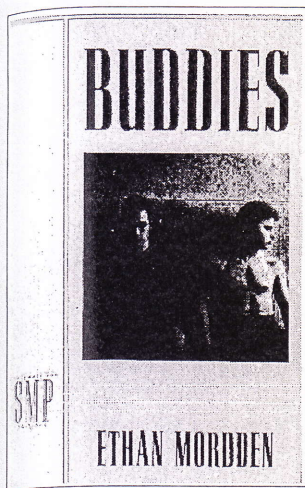
South Bay Road, Hong Kong.

SOUTH BAY BEACH

South Bay Road, Hong Kong.



Hong Kong's only
Lesbian and Gay magazine.
Produced by
Island Publishing Company Limited.
GPO Box 13427, Hong Kong
CONTACTS
Tel: (852)-2817-9120 Fax: (852)-2817-9447



BOOKS

\$65 Each

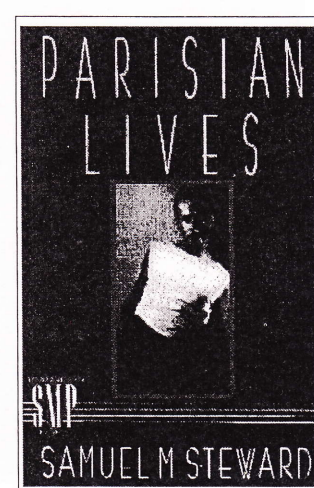
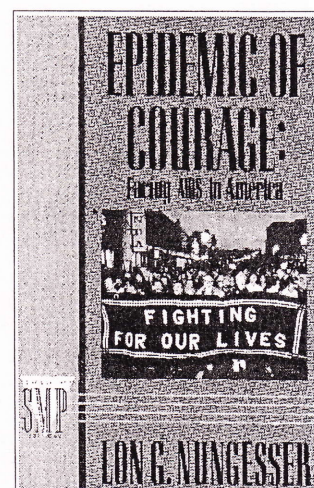
LIMITED STOCK

Subscribers buy any 4 and save 10%

Send Crossed Cheque with name and address to:

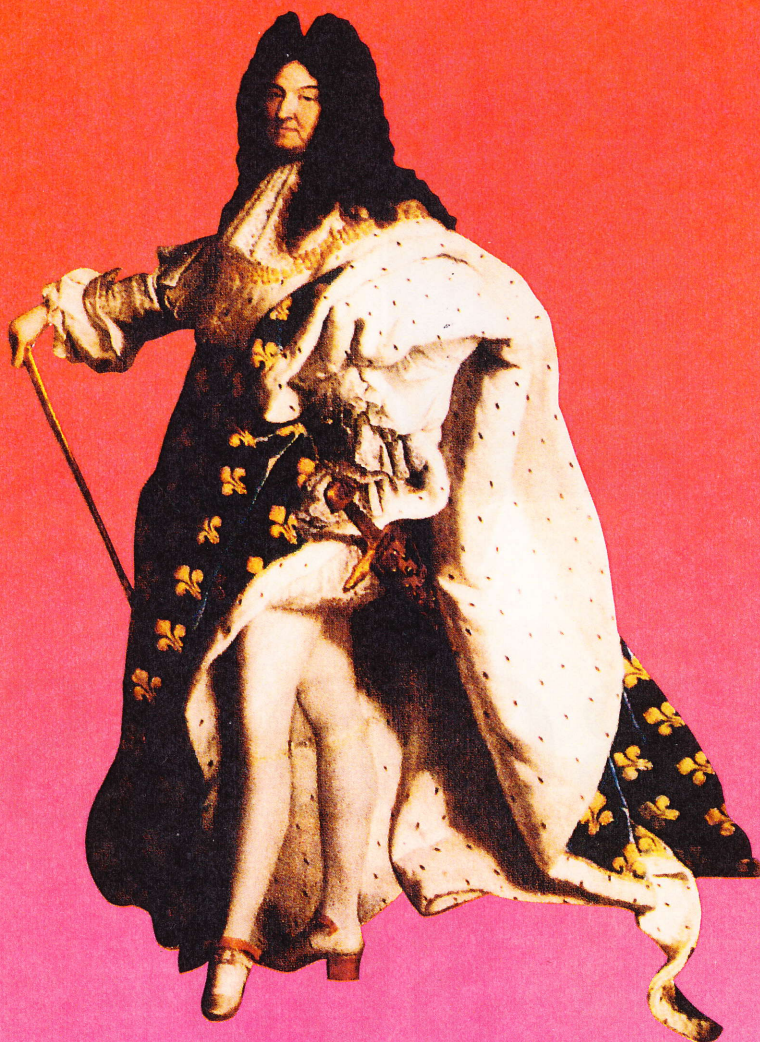
Island Publishing Company Limited

GPO Box 13427, Hong Kong



Petticoat Lane

A BAROQUE-STYLE BAR
FOR THE OPEN-MINDED.



Food, Drinks, People, Style.

No. 2 Jun Wo Lane, Central, Hong Kong

29730642

CONCEPTUALISED AND MANAGED BY 1997.